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THE GRAND
HOLY ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER
OF PENNSYLVANIA
1795-1915.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION

HELD AT

MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA
MARCH 4, A. D. 1915, A. I. 2445.

PRESENT:

Comp.	PORTER W. LOWRY,	*M. E. Grand High Priest.*
"	THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR.,	*M. E. Grand King.*
"	DAVID J. DAVIS,	*M. E. Grand Scribe.*
"	EDWARD B. SPENCER,	*M. E. Grand Treasurer.*
"	STOCKTON BATES,	*M. E. Grand Secretary.*
"	REV. EDWARD W. RUSHTON,	*Grand Chaplain.*
"	REV. MCWILLIAM R. CRAIG,	*Grand Chaplain.*
"	S. E. BURKE KINSLOE,	*Grand Captain of the Host.*
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Past Grand High Priests:—M. E. Companions GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., EDWARD B. SPENCER, J. HENRY WILLIAMS, WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, GEORGE B. WELLS.

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" FRANKLIN P. MASON, of Grand Chapter of District of Columbia.
" CHARLES D. WEIRICK, of Grand Chapter of Georgia.
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" PETER BARKEY, of Grand Chapter of South Dakota.
" HIBBERT P. JOHN, of Grand Chapter of Tennessee.
" WILLIAM E. PERRY, of Grand Chapter of Wisconsin.

Chapters Nos. 3, 21, 43, 52, 91, 152, 162, 165, 169, 170, 171, 174, 175, 176, 182, 183, 185, 186, 190, 197, 198, 199, 201, 202, 203, 208, 209, 215, 216, 219, 220, 223, 226, 227, 228, 232, 233, 234, 236, 237, 239, 240, 243, 245, 246, 247, 248, 250, 251, 256, 258, 262, 263, 266, 270, 271, 273, 282, 283, 284, 286, 291. (62 Chapters.) (158 members.) (39 visitors.)

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at seven o'clock P. M.

The Minutes of the Annual Grand Communication held on St. John's Day, Monday, December 28, 1914, were read and approved.

Copies of proposed By-laws and Amendments to By-laws were received from Chapters Nos. 43, 171,

220, 272 and Chapters Nos. 91, 177, 203, 215, 222, 266 and 284 and were referred to the Committee on By-laws.

The Committee on Finance presented the following Quarterly Report, which was received and ordered spread upon the Minutes.

QUARTERLY REPORT.

PHILADELPHIA, March 1, 1915.

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they have examined the books of the Most Excellent Grand Treasurer and the books of the Most Excellent Grand Secretary, from November 20, 1914, to March 1, 1915, and find them correct, agreeing with their vouchers, showing:

RECEIPTS.

From Chapters and Mark Lodges	$10,667 00	
" Certificates	6 00	
" Constitutions	2 00	
" Interest on Investments	319 25	
		$10,994 25
To which add Cash on hand November 20, 1914		913 38
		$11,907 63

EXPENDITURES.

Clothing and Furniture	$ 17 50	
Expenses M. E. Grand High Priest	600 00	
Expenses D. D. Grand High Priests	1,292 95	
Investments	2,500 00	
Jewel of Past Grand High Priest	125 00	
Printing, Postage, Stationery, etc.	339 28	
Salaries	987 50	
Telephone	17 60	
	$ 5,879 83	
To which add Balance Cash March 1, 1915	6,027 80	
		$11,907 63

The Finance Committee, with great pleasure, report the receipt of one thousand and eighty-four 70/100 dollars from Past Grand High Priest M. E. Companion George B. Wells, it being the unexpended balance of two years' appropriations for expenses, and turned over to this Committee by him for investment by the Trustees of the Grand Chapter. To this end we offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That Grand Chapter accepts the sum of one thousand and eighty-four 70/100 dollars, contributed to its funds for investment by the Trustees and acknowledges its thanks.

Resolved, That the amount of one thousand and eighty-four 70/100 dollars be paid over forthwith to the Trustees for investment.

Resolved, That Grand Chapter appreciates the forethought and wise purpose of Past Grand High Priest M. E. Companion George B. Wells, in making this addition to its invested funds and desires to fully acknowledge its indebtedness to the donor.

Fraternally submitted,
A. G. Criswell Smith,
E. Marshall Harvey.

The Committee on By-laws presented the following report, which was received, and the resolutions attached thereto were adopted.

Philadelphia, Pa., March 4, 1915.

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

Companions:—Your Committee on By-laws has examined the proposed By-laws and proposed Amendments to By-laws referred to them and offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the proposed By-laws of Chapters 43, 171 and 220 be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed By-laws of Chapter 272 be amended by striking out the words "Forty Dollars ($40.00)" in Section 1, Article IX, and inserting in lieu thereof "Fifty Dollars ($50.00)" and that as so amended they be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed Amendments to the By-laws of Chapters Nos. 91, 177, 203, 215, 222, 266 and 284, be approved.

Fraternally submitted,
Carl A. Sundstrom,
A. Howard Thomas,
William A. Rhoads,
William R. Sutch,
Committee.

The Committee on Printing and Publishing presented the following report:

PHILADELPHIA, March 4, 1915.

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

MOST EXCELLENT SIR AND COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on Printing and Publishing begs leave to report that bids for printing and publishing the Proceedings of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter for the year 1914 were asked from several reputable firms, and the contract was awarded the lowest bidder, The International Printing Company.

The Proceedings will contain two steel engravings, one of our late Companion Winfield Scott Bell, Most Excellent Grand King, and one of our late Companion Samuel Laughlin, Most Excellent Grand Scribe.

The work is now being printed in accordance with the terms of the contract, and will be distributed as rapidly as possible.

Fraternally yours,
LOUIS M. WAGNER,
JAMES W. R. WASHINGTON,
FRANK E. TOWNSEND,
MURRAY GORGAS,
WESLEY R. MORGAN,
Committee.

General Returns were received from Chapters Nos. 3, 21, 43, 52, 91, 150, 159, 162, 163, 166, 167, 170, 171, 172, 173, 175, 176, 177, 179, 181, 183, 186, 187, 191, 192, 199, 201, 204, 205, 207, 208, 209, 210, 212, 216, 217, 218, 220, 230, 233, 236, 237, 241, 242, 244, 246, 247, 249, 252, 254, 255, 257, 260, 261, 263, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 271, 272, 273, 274, 278, 280, 281, 283, 285, 286, 289, 291, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297.

A petition was received from a number (44) of Royal Arch Masons for a Warrant for a new Chapter, to be held at the New Masonic Temple, Fifth, Lytton and Tennyson Avenues, Pittsburgh,

Pennsylvania, to be called Bellefield Royal Arch Chapter No. 299.

On motion, duly made and seconded, the petition was referred to the Grand Officers, with power to act.

The following Communication advising of the surrender of the Warrant of Columbia Mark Lodge No. 91 was received and read:

PHILADELPHIA, January 16, A. D. 1915.

STOCKTON BATES, ESQ.,

Most Excellent Grand Secretary.

DEAR SIR AND COMPANION:—At the stated meeting of Columbia Mark Lodge No. 91, held November 14, A. D. 1914, the following offered by Brother George W. Kendrick, Jr., was seconded and adopted:

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to consider and report at the next stated meeting of the Mark Lodge as to the advisability of the Mark Lodge surrendering its Warrant.

At the stated meeting of the Mark Lodge, held December 14, A. D. 1914, the Committee to consider the advisability of surrendering the Warrant of the Mark Lodge offered the following, the original of which is herewith enclosed:

Resolved, That Columbia Mark Lodge No. 91 surrender its Warrant and paraphernalia to the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania and discontinue its meetings from this date.

GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR.,
HARRY K. LEECH,
WILLIAM P. BUZBY,
Committee.

The members having been duly notified, the Resolution was then taken up and considered, and on motion was unanimously adopted.

Extract from the Minutes.

WILLIAM P. BUZBY,
Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, December 14, 1914.

To the Worshipful Master, Officers and Members of Columbia Mark Lodge No. 91.

Your Committee appointed to take into consideration the advisability of surrendering our Warrant, we beg leave to report that since the Mark Degree has been conferred in the Chapter the Mark Lodges have had, com-

paratively, very little to do. It seems that their usefulness in the field of Masonry, at the present time, has been absorbed. While we are in a condition to liquidate all our indebtedness, we submit the following:

Resolved, That Columbia Mark Lodge No. 91 surrender its Warrant and paraphernalia to the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania and discontinue its meetings from this date.

GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR.,
HARRY K. LEECH,
WILLIAM P. BUZBY.

The Grand Secretary stated that all the clothing and furniture, books, papers and other property of the Mark Lodge had been turned over to him and was deposited in the custody of the Grand Lodge Library.

Communications were received from Grand Chapters announcing the death of distinguished Companions, as follows:

M. E. Companion JAMES SOUTHGATE, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of North Carolina. Died October 28, 1914.

M. E. Companion JOSEPH A. MILLER, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Nevada. Died December 8, 1914.

M. E. Companion JAMES H. PRICE, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Delaware. Died December 12, 1914.

M. E. Companion O. B. Hannan, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Ohio. Died December 27, 1914.

M. E. Companion Joseph R. Johnson, Past Grand High Priest of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Connecticut. Died December 29, 1914.

A fraternal letter of sympathy acknowledging the receipt of our circular letter announcing the death of M. E. Companion Winfield Scott Bell was received from the Grand Scribe, E. G. Lyelle Marquard, of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Victoria.

The Grand Chapter was "called off" for the purpose of exemplifying the Mark Master Mason's Degree.

A Lodge of Mark Master Masons was opened, and the Degree of Mark Master Mason was exemplified by the officers of University Royal Arch Chapter No. 256, Brother Charles F. Bower, as Worshipful Master, assisted by the officers of the Chapter.

The Lodge of Mark Master Masons was closed.

The Grand Chapter was then "called on".

The Grand Chapter was closed in Peace at nine o'clock and forty-five minutes p. m.

Stockton Bates,
Grand Secretary.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION

HELD AT

MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA
JUNE 3, A. D. 1915, A. I. 2445.

PRESENT:

Comp. PORTER W. LOWRY, . . . *M. E. Grand High Priest.*
" THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR., . . *M. E. Grand King.*
" DAVID J. DAVIS, . . . *M. E. Grand Scribe.*
" EDWARD B. SPENCER, . . . *M. E. Grand Treasurer.*
" STOCKTON BATES, . . . *M. E. Grand Secretary.*
" REV. WILLIAM B. CHALFANT, D.D., *Grand Chaplain.*
" REV. JOHN G. WILSON, D.D., . *Grand Chaplain.*
" REV. EDWARD W. RUSHTON, . *Grand Chaplain.*
" S. E. BURKE KINSLOE, . . *Grand Captain of the Host.*
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" ROBERT A. WALKER, . . . *Grand Master of the Third Vail.*
" JOHN FETCH, . . . as *Grand Master of the Second Vail.*
" J. WILLIAM PANCOAST, . . *Grand Master of the First Vail.*
" JOSEPH E. QUINBY, . . . *Grand Marshal.*
" GEORGE P. DARROW, . . . *Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies.*
" ROBERT D. COLE, . . as *Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.*
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Past Grand High Priests:—M. E. Companions HIBBERT P. JOHN, GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., EDWARD B. SPENCER, J. HENRY WILLIAMS, WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, CARL A. SUNDSTROM, A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, GEORGE B. WELLS.

Grand Representatives.

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" ANDREW H. HERSHEY, of Grand Chapter of California.
" SAMUEL SHAW, of Grand Chapter of Canada.

Comp. Fred Paul Sher, of Grand Chapter of Delaware.
" George B. Wells, of Grand Chapter of Illinois.
" William B. Meredith, of Grand Chapter of Louisiana.
" J. Henry Williams, of Grand Chapter of Maryland.
" George W. Kendrick, Jr., of Grand Chapter of Nebraska.
" J. Henry Lape, of Grand Chapter of Nevada.
" S. E. Burke Kinsloe, of Grand Chapter of New Hampshire.
" A. G. Criswell Smith, of Grand Chapter of North Carolina.
" Carl A. Sundstrom, of Grand Chapter of Ohio.
" Edward B. Spencer, of Grand Chapter of Oregon.
" Stockton Bates, of Grand Chapter of Rhode Island.
" A. Howard Thomas, of Grand Chapter of South Carolina.
" Hibbert P. John, of Grand Chapter of Tennessee.

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The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at seven o'clock P. M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication held on Thursday, March 4, 1915, were read and approved.

Copies of proposed Amendments to By-laws from Chapters Nos. 150, 162, 173, 177, 193, 202, 205 and 233, were received and referred to the Committee on By-laws.

The Committee on Finance presented the following

QUARTERLY REPORT.

Philadelphia, May 28, 1915.

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

Companions:—The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they have examined the books of the Most Excellent Grand Treasurer and the books of the Most Excellent Grand Secretary, from March 1, 1915, to May 28, 1915, and find them correct, agreeing with their vouchers, showing:

RECEIPTS.

From Chapters and Mark Lodges	$ 920 10	
" Certificates	12 00	
" Constitutions	2 00	
" Interest on Investments	450 00	
" " " Balances	19 77	
" Warrants	200 00	
" From George B. Wells for Investments	1,084 70	
		$2,688 57
All of which was paid over to the Grand Treasurer and his receipt taken therefor.		
To which add Balance March 1, 1915		6,027 80
		$8,716 37

EXPENDITURES.

Clothing and Furniture	$ 83 75	
Expenses M. E. Grand High Priest	960 00	
Expenses D. D. Grand High Priests	147 59	
Printing, Postage, Stationery and Incidentals	1,163 04	
Salaries	1,031 25	
Telephone	36 35	
Instruction in the Work	100 00	
	$3,521 98	
To which add Balance May 28, 1915	5,194 39	
		$8,716 37

Fraternally submitted,
A. G. Criswell Smith,
E. Marshall Harvey,
McCluney Radcliffe,
Committee.

The Committee on By-laws presented the following report, which was received, and the resolutions attached were adopted.

Philadelphia, June 3, 1915.

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

Companions:—Your Committee on By-laws has examined the proposed Amendments to By-laws referred to it, and offers the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the proposed Amendments to the By-laws of Chapters Nos. 150, 162, 193, 205 and 233 be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed Amendments to the By-laws of Chapters Nos. 173 and 177 be returned to the Chapters, with the request, that they be made to conform to the approved form of By-laws, approved by Grand Chapter.

At the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Chapter, held March 5, 1914, the Committee on Jurisprudence resolved that it was the sense of the Committee, that there should be uniformity in the monthly notices issued by the Subordinate Chapters. This Resolution was adopted, and the Most Excellent Grand Secretary was directed to take the necessary steps to accomplish this end.

It was also decided that the By-laws of the Subordinate Chapters be made uniform and in conformity with the approved form of By-laws.

With this object in view, the Most Excellent Grand Secretary communicated with the various Subordinate Chapters, requesting them to forward to the Most Excellent Secretary a copy of their By-laws for inspection of the Committee on By-laws. The majority of the Chapters responded to the Most Excellent Grand Secretary's request and their By-laws have been inspected. Others did not respond to the Most Excellent Grand Secretary's request.

Your Committee offers the following:

Resolved, That the By-laws of Chapters Nos. 21, 169, 173, 177, 180, 181, 186, 187, 190, 191, 194, 198, 200, 202, 203, 215, 227, 230, 235, 236, 237, 238, 241, 250, 251, 252, 255, 266, 275 and 281 be returned to the Chapters with direction, that Committees be appointed to present new Codes of By-laws in accordance with the prescribed form.

Resolved, That Chapters Nos. 161, 166, 171, 176, 179, 192, 197, 204, 205, 211, 218, 221, 240, 243, 244, 257, 259, 265, 271, 276, 286, 290, be directed to forward to the Most Excellent Grand Secretary at an early date copy of their respective By-laws for inspection.

Fraternally submitted,

CARL A. SUNDSTROM,
A. HOWARD THOMAS,
WILLIAM A. RHOADS,
WILLIAM R. SUTCH,
FENTON D. MIDDLETON,
Committee.

A General Return was received from Mark Lodge No. 216.

A communication was received from Bellevue Royal Arch Chapter No. 286 under date of March 15, 1915, asking permission to receive and act on a fifth petition for degrees and membership.

On motion duly made and seconded permission was refused.

A communication was received and read from the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada *re* the formation of a so-called Grand Chapter for the Province of Alberta and referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

Communications were received from Grand Chapters announcing the deaths of distinguished Companions as follows:

M. E. Companion De Witt E. Allen, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of North Carolina. Died January 4, 1915.

R. E. Companion James E. Godfrey, Grand Scribe of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oregon. Died January 20, 1915.

R. E. Companion Robert S. Barnes, Past Grand King of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina. Died February 6, 1915.

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M. E. Companion JOHN WILLIAM RUHLAND, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nova Scotia. Died February 11, 1915.

M. E. Companion ORESTES A. D. SENTER, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Ohio. Died February 21, 1915.

M. E. Companion HENRY M. WATERS, Past Grand High Priest of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas. Died February 22, 1915.

M. E. Companion JOHN JACKSON MERCER, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska. Died February 25, 1915.

M. E. Companion JOHN BERRY GARRETT, Past Grand High Priest and late Right Excellent Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Tennessee. Died March 26, 1915.

M. E. Companion ANSON BARTLETT, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of North Dakota. Died April 17, 1915.

M. E. Companion JUNIUS HOBSON, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Tennessee. Died April 22, 1915.

M. E. Companion THOMAS TRENAMAN, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Nova Scotia. Died April 27, 1914.

M. E. Companion ERASMUS T. CARR, Past Grand High Priest of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas. Died May 12, 1915.

The Grand Chapter was "called off" for the purpose of exemplifying the Most Excellent Master Mason's Degree.

A Lodge of Most Excellent Master Masons was opened, and the Degree of Most Excellent Master Masons was exemplified by Companion GEORGE A. SOOK, King of Columbia Royal Arch Chapter No. 91, acting as Most Excellent Master, assisted by JAMES R. CALHOUN, Senior Warden; WILLIAM A. PASS, Junior Warden, assisted by officers of the Chapter.

The Lodge of Most Excellent Master Masons was closed.

The Grand Chapter was then "called on".

The Grand Chapter was closed in Peace at nine o'clock and six minutes P. M.

STOCKTON BATES,
Grand Secretary.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION

HELD AT

MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA

SEPTEMBER 2, A. D. 1915, A. I. 2445.

PRESENT:

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"	THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR.,	*M. E. Grand King.*
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" STOCKTON BATES, of Grand Chapter of Rhode Island.
" A. HOWARD THOMAS, of Grand Chapter of South Carolina.
" J. FREDERICK HERBERT, of Grand Chapter of Scotland.
" HIBBERT P. JOHN, of Grand Chapter of Tennessee.

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The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at seven o'clock P. M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication held on Thursday, June 3, 1915, were read and approved.

Copies of proposed By-laws and Amendments to the By-laws of Chapters Nos. 191 and 271 were received and referred to the Committee on By-laws.

The Committee on Finance made the following Quarterly Report:

PHILADELPHIA, August 27, 1915.

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they have examined the books of the Most Excellent Grand Treasurer and the books of the Most Excellent Grand Secretary, from May 28, 1915, to August 27, 1915, and find them correct, agreeing with their vouchers, showing:

RECEIPTS.

From Chapters and Mark Lodges	$ 829 15	
" Dispensations	1 00	
" Interest on Investments	268 75	
		$1,098 90
All of which was paid over to the Grand Treasurer and his receipt taken therefor.		
To which add Balance May 28, 1915		5,194 39
		$6,293 29

EXPENDITURES.

Clothing and Furniture	$ 660 50	
Expenses M. E. Grand High Priest	200 00	
Instruction in the Work	113 05	
The Masonic Home of Pennsylvania	500 00	
Printing, Postage and Stationery	87 75	
Salaries	870 83	
Telephone	17 71	
Flowers D. D. G. H. Priest Henry F. Moore	15 00	
	$2,464 84	
To which add Balance August 27, 1915	3,828 45	
		$6,293 29

Fraternally submitted,
A. G. CRISWELL SMITH,
E. MARSHALL HARVEY,
J. WAELDER MCMULLEN.

The Committee on By-laws presented the following report, which was received and the resolutions attached thereto were adopted.

PHILADELPHIA, September 2, 1915.

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on By-laws has examined the proposed By-laws and proposed Amendment to the By-laws referred to it, and offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the proposed Code of By-laws of Chapter No. 271 be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed Amendment to the By-laws of Chapter No. 191 be approved.

At the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Chapter, of June 3, 1915, it was resolved, that certain By-laws be returned to their respective Chapters, with the request that Committees be appointed to present new Codes of By-laws, in accordance with the prescribed form.

Chapter No. 271 is the only Chapter to respond to this request. It was also resolved, that certain Chapters be directed to forward to the Most Excellent Grand Secretary, at an early date, copies of their respective By-laws for inspection.

The Committee on By-laws therefore respectfully suggests, that the Most Excellent Secretary be directed to communicate with the delinquent Chapters, and request them to forward a copy of their By-laws in accordance with the above mentioned resolution.

Fraternally submitted,
CARL A. SUNDSTROM,
A. HOWARD THOMAS,
FENTON H. MIDDLETON,
WILLIAM A. RHOADS,
Committee on By-laws.

The Most Excellent Grand Secretary presented the following report:

PHILADELPHIA, September 2, A. D. 1915.

To the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging.

COMPANIONS:—The Grand Secretary presents the Annual Report of the Work and Membership of the Chapters and Mark Lodges of the Jurisdiction for the year ending December 27, 1914, as follows:

CHAPTERS.

Membership, December 27, 1913, as per last report		34,137
Admitted during the year 1914	165	
Restored to Membership	75	
Marked, etc.	1,855	2,095
Total		36,232

Deduct.

Died during the year 1914	528	
Resigned, or Membership ceased	222	
Suspended or Expelled	364	1,114
Membership, December 27, 1914, per returns		35,118
A net gain of	981	
Rejected during 1914	77	
Restored to G. M. S.	16	

MARK LODGES.

Membership, December 27, 1913		346
Marked		
Admitted	1	1
Total		347
Died during the year 1914	43	
Membership ceased 1914 by surrender of Charter	103	146
Membership, December 27, 1914		201
Number of Chapters, December 27, 1914	139	
Number of Mark Lodges	2	

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

STOCKTON BATES,

Grand Secretary.

STATISTICS

From General Returns of Chapters to December 27, 1914.

No.	Name	Marked	Adm.	Died	Res.	Sus.	Memb.
3	Jerusalem	29	4	16	2	12	683
21	Perseverance	22	4	5	2		330
43		6		10	1		349
52	Harmony	29		30	11	8	1,189
91	Columbia	22	3	16	7	18	758
150	Washington	16	2	3	1		286
152	Reading	16	2	5		5	250
159	Schuylkill	2					52
161	Union	7		5	2		209
162	Zerubbabel	84	7	17	1	11	1,227
163	La Fayette	13		2		2	167
164	Brownsville	9	1	3	1	5	155
165	Union	3	1	3	2		231
166	Mount Moriah	6					115
167	Eureka	18	3	2		1	174
169	Philadelphia	14		8	3		253
170	Delta	35	5	3	5	3	382
171	St. John's	13		2	1		150
172	Temple	2		2		1	114
173	Easton	12		6	1	5	306
174	Northumberland	9	1	1	1	1	153
175	Keystone	23	6	11	4	5	670
176	George Washington	6		2			156
177	Tamaqua	5					82
178	Catawissa						44
179	Eureka	7		5		2	178
180	Warren	3		2			47
181	Lilly	12		3			141
182	Shekinah	8	7	7	2	8	350
183	Oriental	68	8	24	6	51	1,243
185	Lackawanna	12	3	4	1	4	434
186	Lewistown	8		4		1	112
187	Oriental	3					93
189	Mountain	20		4		7	383
190	Norristown	7		9		1	418
191	Solomon	20		1		1	125

No.	Name	Marked	Adm.	Died	Res.	Sus.	Memb.
192	Urania	7	2	7	1	1	342
193	Duquesne	26	2	10	3	4	988
194	Tioga		1				55
195	Portage	20		7		2	276
196	Mountain City	8		5	2	7	167
197	Weidle	2		5		2	182
198	Phœnix	13		2		2	260
199	Howell	10	19	4	1		252
200	Columbus	12		3		3	106
201	Standing Stone	6	1	4			105
202	Howell	20	2	1		3	173
203	Allen	63	1	2	1	1	353
204	Anthony Wayne	8		1	2		96
205	Factoryville		1	1			67
206	Harmony	9		3			222
207	Aaron	4		1		1	75
208	Germantown	11	1	8	1	3	326
209	Samuel C. Perkins	1		3			78
210	Great Bend	3				2	32
211	Venango	14	14	3	1	6	227
212	Mound	8		2	2		217
214	Valley	1		1			83
215	Temple	70	5	7	1	2	459
216	Zinzendorf	10	1	1		2	124
217	Allegheny	41	3	17	1	6	832
218	Bloomsburg	2		1	1	1	89
219	Griscom	3		2	1		113
220	Fort Washington	10	1	1	1		95
221	Tremont	2		1			81
222	Lycoming	12		8	6	2	462
223	Oxford	3		3		2	108
224	Corinthian	7	1	1			135
225	Jefferson	9		3	3	2	284
226	Siloam	18	2	4	1	3	309
227	Emporium	2		4		1	92
228	Clearfield	17	8	4	1		222
230	Elk	5	2	1	3	8	157
232	St. John	22	2	6	3	14	274
233	Kensington	26		9	1	1	546
234	Media	25	1	3			157
235	Occidental	5			3		171
236	Oil City	4	1	3		1	242

No.	Name	Marked	Adm.	Died	Res.	Sus.	Memb.
237	Excelsior	12	1	10	1	7	466
238	Newport		1				71
239	Danville				1	1	73
240	Palestine	45	4	14	3	11	657
241	Bellefonte	2		1			95
242	Pittston	6				3	172
243	T. B. Freeman	25	1	16	2	6	839
244	Norman	18		2		4	235
245	Abington	10				7	138
246	Warrior Run	11			56		110
247	Orient	8		6	3	5	251
248	Temple	9	2	3	2	9	297
249	Monongahela	11		2		1	206
250	Corinthian	12	1	6		7	347
251	Signet	18	2	6	3	7	249
252	Mizpah	4		4			94
254	Arnold					1	44
255	Bedford	8		2			97
256	University	73	11	8	10	5	853
257	Shiloh	17	3	10	1		611
258	Chester	19		6	2	2	390
259	Eden	7		1	1		188
260	Bradford	10	5	2	3	4	266
261	Troy	4					90
262	Montgomery	11		5	2		226
263	Coudersport	1			1		89
264	Shamokin	6		1		1	155
265	Westfield	3		1		1	43
266	Good Samaritan	13		1			120
267	Coatesville	6		2			196
268	Pittsburgh	23	2	6	5		560
269	Ulysses		1	2	1	3	43
270	Doylestown	3		1			126
271	Pottstown	10		3	1		214
272	Hebron	11					105
273	Butler	10	3	3		5	259
274	Bangor	5		1		1	108
275	Kennett	4		1	1		73
276	The Susquehanna	3		1	1	2	69
277	Hazleton	6	4	1		8	172
278	Catasauqua	6			1	4	113
279	Kane	7		1	3	5	86

No.	Name	Marked	Adm.	Died	Res.	Sus.	Memb.
280	Cyrus	47	4	5	2	3	373
281	Monroe	1				2	118
282	McKeesport	25		7	2	4	641
283	Connellsville	4		1		3	153
284	Melita	22		6	9		710
285	Wilkinsburg	17		5		11	335
286	Bellevue	20	3	2	1		304
287	Nanticoke			1		1	28
288	Mizpeh	12		1		3	222
289	Valley	18		1			177
290	Monessen	13		1		3	154
291	Ezra	5					98
292	Slatington	8		2			70
293	Amity	12					89
294	Darius	17					90
295	Siegfried	10					75
296	Zebulun	6					31
297	Homewood	33	2				129
298	Milton	20	8				82
		1,855	186	528	212	374	35,118

Communications were received from Grand Chapters announcing the deaths of distinguished Companions as follows:

M. E. Companion Francis Asbury Shaw, Past Grand High Priest of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Arizona. Died April 10, 1915.

M. E. Companion Martin William Kales, Past Grand High Priest of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Arizona. Died July 14, 1915.

The Grand Chapter was "called off" for the purpose of exemplifying the Royal Arch Degree.

A Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was opened, and the degree of Royal Arch Mason was exemplified by Companion HAYES H. DUNCAN, King of Oriental Royal Arch Chapter No. 183, assisted by Companions GEORGE A. SOOK, as King, and CHARLES F. BOWER, as Scribe.

The Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was closed.

The Grand Chapter was then "called on".

The Grand Chapter was closed in Peace at ten o'clock and fifty-five minutes P. M.

STOCKTON BATES,
Grand Secretary.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION

HELD AT

MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA
DECEMBER 2, A. D. 1915, A. I. 2445.

PRESENT:

Comp.	Porter W. Lowry,	*M. E. Grand High Priest.*
"	Thomas McConnell, Jr.,	*M. E. Grand King.*
"	David J. Davis,	*M. E. Grand Scribe.*
"	Edward B. Spencer,	*M. E. Grand Treasurer.*
"	Stockton Bates,	*M. E. Grand Secretary.*
"	Rev. William B. Chalfant,	*Grand Chaplain.*
"	Rev. Edward W. Rushton,	*Grand Chaplain.*
"	S. E. Burke Kinsloe,	*Grand Captain of the Host.*
"	Benjamin Eiseman,	*Grand Principal Sojourner.*
"	Frank W. Martenis,	*Grand Royal Arch Captain.*
"	Robert A. Walker,	*Grand Master of the Third Vail.*
"	William S. Markley,	*Grand Master of the Second Vail.*
"	J. William Pancoast,	*Grand Master of the First Vail.*
"	Joseph E. Quinby,	*Grand Marshal.*
"	John Fetch,	as *Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies.*
"	Robert T. Cole,	as *Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.*
"	Charles S. Wood,	*Grand Pursuivant.*
"	William B. Joslyn,	*Grand Tyler.*

District Deputy Grand High Priests:—Companions Paul J. Pontius, Robert G. Smith, Samuel K. Louchheim, J. Howard S. Barnes, Milton E. Gingrich, John H. Bennett, Charles R. Roberts, Charles H. Tilton, Charles H. Weaver, Peter K. Filbert, William F. Shay, Arthur W. Gillan, O. Bruce Porter, Walton K. Swetland, Thomas N. McKee, Edward Hope, David Carlin, Edmund W. Boots, John A. Armstrong, Allan W. Urmson, Peter Barkey.

Past Grand High Priests:—M. E. Companions Hibbert P. John, George W. Kendrick, Jr., Edward B. Spencer, Henry Oscar Kline, J. Henry Williams, William B. Meredith, Carl A. Sundstrom, A. G. Criswell Smith, George B. Wells.

Grand Representatives.

Comp. WILLIAM A. RHOADS, of Grand Chapter of Alabama.
" FRANK W. MARTENIS, of Grand Chapter of Arkansas.
" ANDREW H. HERSHEY, of Grand Chapter of California.
" SAMUEL SHAW, of Grand Chapter of Canada.
" IRA GEORGE ROSS, of Grand Chapter of Connecticut.
" FRED PAUL SHER, of Grand Chapter of Delaware.
" H. OSCAR KLINE, of Grand Chapter of Florida.
" CHARLES D. WEIRICK, of Grand Chapter of Georgia.
" HOWARD M. BROWN, of Grand Chapter of Idaho.
" GEORGE B. WELLS, of Grand Chapter of Illinois.
" FRANCIS H. HEMPERLY, of Grand Chapter of Indiana.
" EDWARD HOPE, of Grand Chapter of Kansas.
" WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, of Grand Chapter of Louisiana.
" GEORGE A. GORGAS, of Grand Chapter of Maine.
" J. HENRY WILLIAMS, of Grand Chapter of Maryland.
" J. MURRAY AFRICA, of Grand Chapter of Mississippi.
" DAVID M. KINZER, of Grand Chapter of Missouri.
" GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., of Grand Chapter of Nebraska.
" J. HENRY LAPE, of Grand Chapter of Nevada.
" S. E. BURKE KINSLOE, of Grand Chapter of New Hampshire.
" A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, of Grand Chapter of North Carolina.
" CARL A. SUNDSTROM, of Grand Chapter of Ohio.
" EDWARD B. SPENCER, of Grand Chapter of Oregon.
" JOHN MCKAIN, of Grand Chapter of Quebec.
" STOCKTON BATES, of Grand Chapter of Rhode Island.
" A. HOWARD THOMAS, of Grand Chapter of South Carolina.
" PETER BARKEY, of Grand Chapter of South Dakota.
" J. FREDERICK HERBERT, of Grand Chapter of Scotland.
" HIBBERT P. JOHN, of Grand Chapter of Tennessee.

Chapters Nos. 3, 21, 43, 52, 91, 150, 152, 161, 162, 163, 165, 169, 170, 171, 172, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 185, 186, 189, 190, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 204, 206, 208, 212, 214, 215, 217, 219, 220, 221, 222, 225, 226, 227, 228, 230, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 242, 243, 245, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 263, 264, 266, 268, 273, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 288, 289, 290, 298, 299. (103 Chapters.) (201 members.)

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at two o'clock P. M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication held on Thursday, September 2, 1915, were read and approved.

Copies of proposed By-laws and Amendments to By-laws from Chapters Nos. 21, 166, 169, 173, 183, 186, 194, 200, 204, 218, 225, 235, 240, 245, 251, 252, 255, 257, 259, 270, 286, 290, 299, and 171, 177, 197, 205, 221, 243, 265, 211, 225, 226, 227, 230 were received and referred to the Committee on By-laws.

The Trustees made the following report, which was received and ordered spread in full upon the Minutes:

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE GRAND CHAPTER.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., December 2, 1915.

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—The Trustees of the Grand Chapter present this, their Seventh Annual Report:

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT.

Consisting of the following securities:

One	(1)	$1000	Certificate No. 352, Series M, City of Philadelphia 3 per cent. Loan of 1893, principal due December 31, 1917, interest due January 1 and July 1	$1,000 00
One	(1)	$1000	Certificate No. 317, School, City of Philadelphia 3½ per cent. Loan of 1902, principal due July 1, 1932, interest due January 1 and July 1	1,000 00
One	(1)	$500	Certificate No. 321, School, City of Philadelphia 3½ per cent. Loan of 1904, principal due July 1, 1934, interest due January 1 and July 1	500 00
Five	(5)	$1000	Electric & Peoples Stock Trust Certificates, 4 per cent., Nos. A9448, 9949, 9450, 9451 and 9452, principal due 1945, interest due April 1 and October 1	5,000 00

One	(1)	$2000 Certificate No. 3, City of Philadelphia, Registered 4 per cent. Loan, due January 1, 1945, interest due January 1 and July 1	2,000 00
One	(1)	$500 Certificate No. 28, City of Philadelphia 4 per cent. Registered Loan, due January 1, 1945, interest due January 1 and July 1	500 00
Five	(5)	$1000 Bonds, Pennsylvania Company Gold Loan 4 per cent., Nos. 5976, 5977, 5978, 5979 and 5980, principal due April 1, 1931, interest due April 1 and October 1	5,000 00
Five	(5)	$1000 Bonds, Reading Company, Jersey Central Collateral Gold 4 per cent., Nos. 19953, 19954, 19955, 19956 and 19957, principal due April 1, 1951, interest due April 1 and October 1 ..	5,000 00
Two	(2)	$1000 Bonds, Market Street Elevated Passenger Railway Gold 4 per cent., Nos. 8630 and 8897, principal due May 1, 1955, interest due May 1 and November 1	2,000 00
Three	(3)	$1000 Bonds, Pennsylvania Railroad Company, Gold 4 per cent., Nos. 53232, 53233 and 59829, principal due May 1, 1948, interest due May 1 and November 1	3,000 00
Five	(5)	$1000 Bonds, Reading Company, General Mortgage 4 per cent., Nos. M32555, 32556, 42522, 47884 and 62867, principal due January 1, 1997, interest due January 1 and July 1	5,000 00
One	(1)	$1000 Bond, Borough of Sheradan, Allegheny County 5 per cent., No. 5 Funding Bond, Series H, principal due November 1, 1917, interest due May 1 and November 1 (Principal registered)	1,000 00
One	(1)	$1000 Bond, Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad, First Mortgage 3½ per cent., No. M2044, principal due June 1, 1997, interest due June 1 and December 1	1,000 00
One	(1)	$1000 Bond, Philadelphia & Erie Consolidated 5 per cent. (now first mortgage), No. 11233, principal due July 1, 1920, interest due April 1 and October 1	1,000 00
Six	(6)	$1000 Bonds, Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, F. & A. M., Masonic Home Loan, Nos. 126, 127, 323, 328, 329 and 465, interest 4 per cent., due January 1 and July 1 (Principal due July 1, 1931—may be called after September 1, 1916)	6,000 00

Four	(4)	$500	Bonds, Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania F. & A. M. Masonic Home Loan, Nos. 75, 116, 157 and 158, interest 4 per cent., due January 1 and July 1 (Principal due July 1, 1931—may be called after September 1, 1916)	2,000 00
One	(1)	$1000	Bond, No. 7023, New York, Philadelphia & Norfolk R. R. Stock Trust Certificate 4 per cent., principal due June 1, 1948, interest due June 1 and December 1	1,000 00
			Making total par value of	$42,000 00

INCOME ACCOUNT.

1914.			
December	31,	Five Coupons—Philadelphia & Reading Gen. 4's	$ 100 00
		Check—Interest on Masonic Home Loan....	145 50
1915.			
January	2,	Check—City of Philadelphia 3 per cent. Loan,	30 00
		Check—City of Philadelphia 3½ per cent. Loan	26 25
	4,	Check—Lake Shore & Michigan Southern, 3½ per cent. Loan	17 50
April	1,	Check—Philadelphia & Erie R. R. 5 per cent. Bond	25 00
		Five Coupons—Reading-Jersey Central 4 per cent.	100 00
		Five Coupons—Pennsylvania Company 4 per. cent.	100 00
		Check—Electric & Peoples Traction Company 4 per cent.....	100 00
May	1,	Check—Pennsylvania R. R. Consol Mortgage 4 per cent.....	60 00
		Coupons—Market Street Elevated 4 per cent.,	40 00
		Borough of Sheraden 5 per cent.....	25 00
June	1,	Check—Lake Shore & Michigan Southern 3½ per cent.	17 50
July	1,	Check—Grand Lodge Masonic Loan	160 00
		Check—City of Philadelphia 3 per cent. Loan,	15 00
		Check—City of Philadelphia 3½ per cent. Loan	26 25
		Check—City of Philadelphia 4 per cent. Loan,	50 00

November 3,	Check—Pennsylvania Railroad Consol. 4 per cent.	60 00
	Check—Electric & Peoples 4 per cent.	100 00
	Coupons—Pennsylvania Company 4 per cent.,	100 00
	Coupons—Reading-Jersey Central 4 per cent.,	100 00
	Coupons—Philadelphia & Reading General 4 per cent.	100 00
	Coupons—Market Street Elevated 4 per cent.,	40 00
	Coupons—Philadelphia & Norfolk 4 per cent.,	40 00
	Coupons—Borough of Sheraden 5 per cent.	25 00
24,	Check—Philadelphia & Erie 5 per cent.	25 00
		$1,628 00

All of which was paid over to the Most Excellent Grand Secretary immediately upon its collection, and his receipt taken therefor.

One thousand dollars of the City of Philadelphia 3 per cent. Loan was paid off and $1000 N. Y., P. & N. R. R. stock trust certificate 4 per cent.; bought at a cost of $930 and interest.

The Trustees have on hand $1166.33 for investment.

Fraternally submitted,
J. Henry Williams,
Edward Perry,
Charles Chipman,
Trustees of the G. H. R. A. Chapter.

The Committee on Finance made the following

QUARTERLY REPORT.

Philadelphia, November 26, A. D. 1915, A. I. 2445.

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

Companions:—The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they have examined the books of the Most Excellent Grand Treasurer, and the books of the most Excellent Grand Secretary, from August 27, 1915, to November 20, 1915, and find them correct, agreeing with their vouchers, showing:

RECEIPTS.

From Chapters and Mark Lodges	$744 10	
" Constitutions	2 08	
" Dispensations	1 00	
" Interest on Deposits	48 39	
" Interest on Investments	565 00	
	$1,360 57	
To which add Balance August 27, 1915	3,828 45	
		$5,189 02

EXPENDITURES.

Expenses of M. E. Grand High Priest	$1,240 00	
Expenses D. D. Grand High Priests	134 19	
Instruction in the Work	100 00	
Investments—Paid to Trustees for Investment	1,100 00	
Printing, Postage and Stationery	9 65	
Rent	1,650 00	
Salaries	862 50	
Telephone and Incidentals	30 25	
	$5,126 59	
To which add Balance, November 20, 1915	62 43	
		$5,189 02

Respectfully submitted,
A. G. Criswell Smith,
E. Marshall Harvey,
J. Waelder McMullen,
McCluny Radcliffe,
Wm. M. Donaldson.

The Committee on Finance made the following Annual Report and Estimate for the year 1916, which was received and the resolution attached was, on motion duly made and seconded, adopted.

ANNUAL REPORT.

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

Companions:—The Committee on Finance respectfully report that it has examined the accounts and securities held by the Trustees, which show an Invested Fund of $42,000 00
and in hand for Investment 1,166 33

making a total Invested and awaiting Investment of.....$43,166 33
as fully set forth in their Annual Report to Grand Chapter.

The Committee has also examined the books of the Most Excellent Grand Treasurer and the books of the Most Excellent Grand Secretary, for the fiscal year ending November 20, 1915, and find them correct and agreeing with their vouchers, showing:

RECEIPTS.

From Certificates	$18 00	
" Chapters and Mark Lodges	13,160 35	
" Constitutions	6 08	
" Dispensations	2 00	
" Interest on Deposits	68 16	
" Interest on Investments	1,603 00	
" Warrants	200 00	
" Contributions from P. G. H. P., M. E. Companion George B. Wells for Investment	1,084 70	
	$16,142 29	
To which add Balance, November 20, 1914	913 38	
		$17,055 67

EXPENDITURES.

Clothing and Furniture	$761 75	
Expenses of M. E. Grand High Priest	3,000 00	
Expenses of D. D. Grand High Priests	1,574 73	
Instruction in the Work	313 05	
Investments	3,600 00	
Jewel	125 00	
The Masonic Home of Pennsylvania	500 00	
Printing, Postage and Stationery	1,599 72	
Rent	1,650 00	
Salaries	3,752 08	
Telephone and Incidentals	116 91	
	$16,993 24	
To which add Balance, November 20, 1915	62 43	
		$17,055 67

The Charity and Emergency Relief Fund, as per last report, showed a balance of	1,188 11	
Add Interest credited March 1, 1915	6 49	
Add Interest credited November 1, 1915	12 03	
Shows the total Balance in this Fund to be		$1,206 63

The Committee presents the following estimates for the year ending November 20, 1916:

RECEIPTS.

From Chapters and Mark Lodges	$13,000 00	
" Interest on Investments	1,750 00	
" Constitutions, Dispensations, Certificates, etc.	25 00	
	$14,775 00	
Add Balance, November 20, 1915	62 43	
		$14,837 43

EXPENDITURES.

Expenses of M. E. Grand High Priest	$3,000 00	
Expenses D. D. Grand High Priest	1,600 00	
Expenses Incurred by other Grand Officers	500 00	
Masonic Home of Pennsylvania	500 00	
Salaries—M. E. Grand Secretary	2,000 00	
Grand Secretary Emeritus	500 00	
Assistant to Grand Secretary	1,200 00	
Grand Tyler	250 00	
Printing, Postage, Stationery and Incidentals	1,800 00	
Expenses of Instruction in the Work	400 00	
Rent	1,650 00	
Clothing and Furniture	100 00	
Investment	1,000 00	
Estimated Balance	337 43	
		$14,837 43

The Committee offer the following resolution:

"*Resolved,* That the above recommendations of the Committee on Finance be approved and that the Most Excellent Grand High Priest be and he is hereby authorized to draw his warrants on the Grand Treasurer for the several amounts named in the foregoing estimates, as they may become due and payable."

Fraternally submitted,

A. G. Criswell Smith,
E. Marshall Harvey,
J. Waelder McMullen,
McCluny Radcliffe,
Wm. M. Donaldson.

The report of the Committee on By-laws was received and read, and the resolutions attached were, on motion duly made and seconded, adopted.

PHILADELPHIA, December 2, 1915.

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on By-laws beg leave to report that they have examined all By-laws, proposed code of By-laws and proposed Amendments to By-laws referred to them, and offer the following resolutions:

"*Resolved,* that the By-laws of Chapters Nos. 21, 166, 169, 173, 183, 186, 194, 200, 204, 218, 225, 235, 240, 245, 251, 252, 255, 257, 259, 270, 286, 290 and 299 be approved.

"*Resolved,* that the By-laws of Chapters Nos. 171, 177, 197, 221, 243 and 265 be returned to the Chapters with directions to prepare a new code of By-laws in conformity with the form of By-laws approved by the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania.

"*Resolved,* That the By-laws of Chapter No. 205 be amended by striking out in Section 1, Article IX, $40.00 and inserting in lieu thereof $50.00; Amend the code of By-laws for Chapter No. 211, by striking out in Section 1, Article IX, $45.00 and inserting in lieu thereof $50.00; Amend the code of By-laws of Chapter No. 227, by striking out in Section 1, Article IX, $40.00 and inserting in lieu thereof $50.00; Amend the code of By-laws of Chapter No. 230, by striking out in Section 1, Article IX, the words twenty years, and inserting in lieu thereof twenty-five years, and as so amended they be approved.

"*Resolved,* That the proposed amendments to the By-laws of Chapters Nos. 225 and 226 be approved."

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

CARL A. SUNDSTROM,
A. HOWARD THOMAS,
WILLIAM A. RHOADS,
WILLIAM R. SUTCH,
FENTON H. MIDDLETON,
Committee.

The Committee on Printing and Publishing presented the following report:

PHILADELPHIA, PA., December 2, 1915.

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

COMPANIONS:—Your Committee on Printing and Publishing begs leave to report that the International Printing Company, to whom was awarded the contract for printing the Proceedings for 1914, completed its contract to the full satisfaction of the Committee.

Steel engravings of the late M. E. Grand King, Companion Winfield S. Bell, and the late M. E. Grand Scribe, Companion Samuel Laughlin, were furnished by the Committee and bound in the work.

The expenditure of $1599.72 for the year includes the cost of postage and stationery, and the printing, binding, publishing and distributing of the Proceedings.

Fraternally submitted,
LOUIS M. WAGNER,
JAMES W. R. WASHINGTON,
FRANK E. TOWNSEND,
MURRAY GORGAS,
WESLEY R. MORGAN,
Committee.

This being the time fixed by the Constitution for the election of Grand Officers to serve for the ensuing Masonic year, beginning on St. John the Evangelist's Day next, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest was pleased to appoint Tellers, who having reported, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest announced the following named Companions duly elected:

Companion	PORTER W. LOWRY . .	. *M. E. Grand High Priest.*
"	THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR. .	. *M. E. Grand King.*
"	DAVID J. DAVIS . . .	. *M. E. Grand Scribe.*
"	EDWARD B. SPENCER . .	. *M. E. Grand Treasurer.*
"	STOCKTON BATES . . .	. *M. E. Grand Secretary.*

Communications were received from Grand Chapters announcing the deaths of distinguished Companions as follows:

M. E. Companion Florin Leslie Jones, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of California. Died August 1, 1915.

M. E. Companion Albert Wallace Crites, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska. Died August 23, 1915.

M. E. Companion William Henry Munger, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska. Died August 11, 1915.

M. E. Companion Charles J. Phelps, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska. Died August 24, 1915.

M. E. Companion John Bell Dinsmore, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska. Died October 6, 1915.

M. E. Companion Homer Caswell Clark, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Wisconsin. Died November 7, 1915.

The following certificate was presented and read:

Media, Pa., November 22, 1915.

Mr. Porter W. Lowry,

Most Excellent Grand High Priest,

The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania,

Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir and M. E. Companion:—This is to certify that at the meeting of Media Royal Arch Chapter, No. 234, held at Media, Pennsylvania, on the twenty-second day of November, A. D. 1915, A. I. 2445, Companion William Taylor was duly elected Most Excellent High Priest.

Attest: William E. Griffith,

Ulysses G. Realey, *M. E. High Priest.*

[seal] *Secretary.*

All the Companions present who had not received the Order of High Priesthood having retired, Companion WILLIAM TAYLOR was duly installed as High Priest of Media Royal Arch Chapter No. 234, and had the Order of High Priesthood conferred upon him by Companion S. E. BURKE KINSLOE, Chairman of the Capitular School of Instruction, at the request of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

The Companions who had retired were readmitted.

The Grand Chapter was closed in Peace at four o'clock and forty-five minutes P. M.

STOCKTON BATES,
Grand Secretary.

ANNUAL GRAND COMMUNICATION

HELD AT

MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA,

ST. JOHN'S DAY,

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27, A. D. 1915, A. I. 2445.

PRESENT:

Comp.	PORTER W. LOWRY,	*M. E. Grand High Priest.*
"	THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR.,	*M. E. Grand King.*
"	DAVID J. DAVIS,	*M. E. Grand Scribe.*
"	EDWARD B. SPENCER,	*M. E. Grand Treasurer.*
"	STOCKTON BATES,	*M. E. Grand Secretary.*
"	REV. JOHN G. WILSON, D.D.,	*Grand Chaplain.*
"	REV. EDWARD W. RUSHTON,	*Grand Chaplain.*
"	S. E. BURKE KINSLOE,	*Grand Captain of the Host.*
"	BENJAMIN EISEMAN,	*Grand Principal Sojourner.*
"	FRANK W. MARTENIS,	*Grand Royal Arch Captain.*
"	ROBERT A. WALKER,	*Grand Master of the Third Vail.*
"	JOHN FETCH,	as *Grand Master of the Second Vail.*
"	J. WILLIAM PANCOAST,	*Grand Master of the First Vail.*
"	JOSEPH E. QUINBY,	*Grand Marshal.*
"	GEORGE P. DARROW,	*Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies.*
"	RALPH C. MINEHART,	*Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.*
"	CHARLES S. WOOD,	*Grand Pursuivant.*
"	WILLIAM B. JOSLYN,	*Grand Tyler.*

District Deputy Grand High Priests:—Companions PAUL J. PONTIUS, ROBERT G. SMITH, SAMUEL K. LOUCHHEIM, PETER K. FILBERT, ARTHUR W. GILLAN, CHARLES E. COOPER.

Past Grand High Priests:—M. E. Companions HIBBERT P. JOHN, GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., EDWARD B. SPENCER, WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, CARL A. SUNDSTROM, A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, GEORGE B. WELLS, PORTER W. LOWRY.

Grand Representatives.

Comp. WILLIAM A. RHOADS, of Grand Chapter of Alabama.
" FRANK W. MARTENIS, of Grand Chapter of Arkansas.
" ANDREW W. HERSHEY, of Grand Chapter of California
" SAMUEL SHAW, of Grand Chapter of Canada.

Comp. Fred Paul Sher, of Grand Chapter of Delaware.
" Charles D. Weirick, of Grand Chapter of Georgia.
" George B. Wells, of Grand Chapter of Illinois.
" William B. Meredith, of Grand Chapter of Louisiana.
" Charles E. Cooper, of Grand Chapter of Massachusetts.
" George W. Kendrick, Jr., of Grand Chapter of Nebraska.
" S. E. Burke Kinsloe, of Grand Chapter of New Hampshire.
" A. G. Criswell Smith, of Grand Chapter of North Carolina.
" Carl A. Sundstrom, of Grand Chapter of Ohio.
" Thomas McConnell, Jr., of Grand Chapter of Oklahoma.
" Edward B. Spencer, of Grand Chapter of Oregon.
" Stockton Bates, of Grand Chapter of Rhode Island.
" A. Howard Thomas, of Grand Chapter of South Carolina.
" Hibbert P. John, of Grand Chapter of Tennessee.

Chapters Nos. 3, 43, 52, 91, 152, 165, 171, 183, 185, 190, 192, 193, 197, 201, 202, 206, 208, 217, 220, 226, 232, 234, 240, 243, 245, 247, 250, 251, 256, 258, 260, 266, 271, 282, 284, 291. (36 Chapters.) (78 members.) (6 visitors.)

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at seven o'clock P. M.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication held on Thursday, December 2, 1915, were read and approved.

Copies of proposed By-laws from Chapters Nos. 237 and 278 were received and referred to the Committee on By-laws.

The Committee on By-laws presented the following report, which was received and the resolution attached thereto was adopted:

Philadelphia, Pa., December 27, 1915.

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers and Members of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

Companions:—Your Committee on By-laws, to whom was referred certain By-laws, have attended to their duty and offer the following resolution:

"*Resolved,* That the By-laws of Chapters Nos. 237 and 278 be approved."

Fraternally submitted,

CARL A. SUNDSTROM,
A. HOWARD THOMAS,
WILLIAM A. RHOADS,
FENTON D. MIDDLETON,
WILLIAM R. SUTCH,
Committee.

The Committee on Correspondence presented their report and Past Grand High Priest M. E. Companion WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, Chairman, moved that the report be referred to the Grand Officers with power to print. The motion was agreed to.

General Returns were received from Chapters Nos. 3, 43, 152, 161, 165, 167, 169, 172, 189, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 201, 202, 206, 211, 214, 219, 221, 222, 223, 226, 228, 232, 235, 238, 239, 240, 243, 248, 250, 251, 252, 258, 259, 262, 270, 275, 277, 279, 282, 284, 287, 289, 290, 292, 293, 296, and Mark Lodge No. 214 (50 Chapters), and 1 Mark Lodge.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion PORTER W. LOWRY, presented his annual address.

COMPANIONS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER:

In the Province of God we are permitted to meet again in Annual Grand Communication, to perform the duties devolving upon us incident to the occasion. It is hard to realize that a year has passed since we were called to the responsible duties involved in the administration of the Grand Chapter, but a year has

passed into history with its joys and griefs, its failures and successes, and another page in the history of Grand Chapter has been recorded.

Following the custom inaugurated by my illustrious predecessors many years ago, it becomes my duty to render you an account of my stewardship during the year now about to close. As citizens of our beloved country, and as members of our beloved Fraternity, we have much for which to thank Almighty God. Threatened dangers have been suspended over us as a Nation, which have brought us near to the borderland of war, yet an All-Wise Providence and a merciful Father have protected us from its horrors. Truly, we are a blessed people, and it well becomes us to realize as never before, our responsibilities and our opportunity under the guidance of Almighty God, to further the upbuilding of His Kingdom, and to hasten the ushering in of that day when "they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks, Nation shall not lift up its hand against nation, neither shall they learn war any more". Surely we can say, "For He is good, and His mercy endureth forever."

Peace and harmony continue to reign within our Jurisdiction and the growing interest manifested in recent years in the work of teaching the Capitular Degrees throughout the Jurisdiction has not abated, while the incoming year bears every indication of exceeding the past because of the tremendous increase

in the material prosperity of the country, and material prosperity means much for the growth of Masonic Bodies. The outlook is very favorable and the signs of the times point to a prosperous year for all our Chapters.

The Dead.

The Silent Messenger whose touch stops the heart throb and calls from this life into the Eternal, has been ever present and many of our Beloved Companions have responded to his touch and answered the last call of nature.

Henry L. Moore.

On June 17th the gentle spirit of our Beloved Companion, District Deputy Grand High Priest Henry L. Moore, of Wilkes-Barre, passed from this life into the Great Beyond.

It was a blessed privilege to know Companion Moore. Loyalty, honor, gentleness and kindness were the cardinal virtues of this Beloved Companion; upright and true in every walk of life, his presence was always a benediction. Ever ready to help others, he seldom asked assistance for himself, preferring to work out his own problems and bear his own burdens, and this he did in his quiet, unobtrusive way. As District Deputy Grand High Priest he was faithful in every duty, and the love of Masonry was deep-seated in his heart, to the end. Appointed as District Deputy in 1901 he was ever zealous in the performance of his duties. He was constant in his

attendance at the communications of the Grand Chapter, devoting much of his time and making many sacrifices to fulfill the duties of his office. He endured much suffering and bore it without complaint or murmur, and died as he had lived, a Christian gentleman, a true Mason, and a beloved Brother and Companion. His Masonic record is as follows:

Landmark Lodge No. 442, F. & A. M.; initiated June 9, 1890; passed August 11, 1890; raised September 17, 1890; Junior Warden, 1892; Senior Warden, 1893; Worshipful Master, 1894; Shekinah Royal Arch Chapter No. 182; marked January 21, 1895; accepted March, 1895; exalted June 17, 1895; Scribe in 1898; King in 1899, and High Priest in 1900; District Deputy Grand High Priest, 1901, to the time of his death.

INVITATIONS.

On January 25th, I was compelled for lack of time, to decline the invitation received from M. E. Companion ARTHUR WARREN, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, of New York Royal Arch Masons, to attend the Annual Convocation, at Albany, New York, on February 2d. The delightful visit paid our Grand Chapter on September 3, 1914, by M. E. Companion WARREN, accompanied by his Grand Officers, is fresh in our memories, and it was a real hardship for me to forego the pleasure of visiting the Grand Chapter of New York.

I regretfully declined an invitation from M. E. Companion CHARLES W. TEDROE, Grand High Priest

of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma to attend the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of their Capitular organization.

I accepted an invitation from M. E. Companion Robert A. Meeker, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New Jersey, to attend their Fifty-ninth Annual Convocation on May 12th, at Trenton, accompanied by the Most Excellent Grand King, Most Excellent Grand Scribe, Most Excellent Grand Secretary, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priests, Companions Smith and Wells, Companion Grand Marshal and Companion Grand Tyler. We journeyed over to Trenton, were royally welcomed, delightfully entertained and enjoyed the visit exceedingly. These visitations from time to time between the Grand Officers of our own and neighboring Jurisdictions are delightful occasions, and surely tend to spread the cement of Brotherly Love and affection, and tighten the bonds of Fraternal feeling so long existing between us. Thus may it ever be.

Grand Visitations.

No grand visitations have been made during the year, I am convinced that the time required and money expended for a Grand Chapter Visitation to half a dozen subordinate Chapters, taking the time of all of the Companions and all Grand Chapter Officers from their occupations and business, is not justified by the results attained. I am firmly of the

opinion that the calling in of the officers of many Subordinate Chapters to a common meeting place, the rehearsal of the Capitular Degrees by the officers of the different Chapters under the supervision of some member or members of the Temple Capitular School of Instruction, where the work may be corrected and errors eradicated, is equally effective and far reaching. The social feature of these meetings is not the least to be considered and they have proven very effective as a means and an opportunity for the Companions throughout the Districts reached to become better acquainted, talking about the work and enjoying a delightful afternoon and evening. I hope during the coming year to plan for at least four such meetings in different parts of the Jurisdiction.

Informal Visitations.

January 21st, accompanied by the Most Excellent Grand King, Most Excellent Grand Secretary, Grand Captain of the Host and Grand Marshal, an informal visit was made to Oriental Royal Arch Chapter No. 183.

February 8th, I made an informal visit to Orient Royal Arch Chapter No. 247, at Kittanning.

February 12th, to Temple Royal Arch Chapter No. 215, at Erie, Pa.

March 5th, accompanied by Most Excellent Grand King, Most Excellent Grand Scribe, Most Excellent

Grand Secretary and other officers of the Grand Chapter, an informal visit was made to Doylestown, Royal Arch Chapter No. 270, on the occasion of the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Constitution of the Chapter. The meeting was a happy one, and a goodly number of members and many visiting Companions were present.

May 14th, unable to be present, the Most Excellent Grand King, accompanied by other Grand Officers, represented me on the occasion of the Forty-third Anniversary of Palestine Royal Arch Chapter No. 240, at the invitation of the Most Excellent High Priest.

May 12th, to Philadelphia Royal Arch Chapter No. 169.

May 21st, to Harmony Royal Arch Chapter No. 206, located at Beaver Falls, Pa.

May 25th, June 29th and September 28th, I visited the Pittsburgh Capitular School of Instruction. This school, under the supervision of Companions Zimmers, Rodgers, Barber and Stang, with a corps of Assistants, and with District Deputy Grand High Priests Companions Hope, Carlin and Boots, as Instructors, is making an earnest effort to teach the authorized work, but I regret to say the school is not meeting with the encouragement it should have from all the Chapters in the Pittsburgh District. The Companions named above have devoted much time

and have made many sacrifices to further the interests of Capitular Masonry in the Pittsburgh District, and I sincerely hope the officers of all the Chapters in this District will not only encourage the Companions in charge of the school by their attendance on the meetings, but avail themselves of the opportunity afforded to learn the work of the several degrees.

June 8th, Mizpeh Royal Arch Chapter No. 288, located in Pittsburgh (North Side).

June 11th, to Bellevue Royal Arch Chapter No. 286, where the Royal Arch Degree was conferred on a class of seventeen candidates.

September 9th, to McKeesport Royal Arch Chapter No. 282.

October 8th, to Washington Royal Arch Chapter No. 150, located at Washington, Pa.

October 19th, in the afternoon, to Bellefield Royal Arch Chapter No. 299, at Pittsburgh, where the Most Excellent Degree was conferred upon a class of forty-three candidates.

October 19th, at 7.30 P. M., Portage Royal Arch Chapter No. 195, located at Johnstown.

November 5th, to Allegheny Royal Arch Chapter No. 217, located in Pittsburgh (North Side).

November 15th, to Shiloh Royal Arch Chapter No. 257, located in Pittsburgh.

November 18th, to Cyrus Royal Arch Chapter No. 280, located at Carnegie, where the Mark Degree was conferred by the Scribe in the presence of one hundred and eighty Companions.

November 26th, to Monongahela Royal Arch Chapter No. 249, located at Monongahela City.

December 16th, to Zerubbabel Royal Arch Chapter No. 162, located at Pittsburgh.

December 17th, to Wilkinsburg Royal Arch Chapter No. 285.

The work done at these meetings was well done, save in one instance where a number of Floor Officers were absent and substitutes were used, which marred the work. The Spirit of Unity, Fraternity and Brotherly Love pervades all the Chapters, and a generous hospitality is displayed, which counts for much among the Companions.

Conferences Held.

September 2d, thirty-three High Priests, twenty-seven Kings, twenty-eight Scribes, forty-seven Past High Priests and Appointive Officers for Chapters located east of the Susquehanna River, with three Past Grand High Priests, twelve District Deputy Grand High Priests, the Grand Officers and the

members of the Temple Capitular School of Instruction met in Renaissance Hall, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, where the Mark and Most Excellent Degrees were rehearsed by the officers of Chapters Nos. 91 and 256, under the supervision and direction of Companion S. E. Burke Kinsloe, Principal of the Capitular School of Instruction, and the other members of the school. After the work a dinner was served to one hundred and seventy-five Companions. The conference was instructive and enjoyable, and all the Companions expressed themselves as fully repaid for the effort put forth to attend.

October 26th, in response to an invitation sent out to the High Priests, Kings and Scribes of the Chapters west of the Mountains, there convened in the Chapter Hall in the new Masonic Temple, at Pittsburgh, five Grand Officers, two Past Grand High Priests, six District Deputy Grand High Priests, one hundred and forty-one High Priests, Kings, Scribes and a number of Appointive Officers. Thirty Chapters were represented.

The Mark Degree was rehearsed under the direction of Companion Frederick P. Glasser; the Most Excellent Degree under the direction of Companion James C. Weir, and the Royal Arch Degree under the direction of Companion George W. Rodgers, and all under the supervision of Companion S. E. Burke Kinsloe. After the rehearsal, a dinner was served to two hundred Companions. This occasion was enjoyed by all present, and was very instructive, meet-

ing with the approbation of the Companions, and I am convinced that the results of these rehearsals will be shown in the Subordinate Chapters whose officers take sufficient interest to attend the meetings.

New Chapters.

On Friday, April 16th, accompanied by the Most Excellent Grand King, Most Excellent Grand Scribe, Most Excellent Grand Secretary, Companion Grand Marshal and Companion Grand Tyler and others acting as Grand Officers, I constituted Bellefield Royal Arch Chapter No. 299, at the new Masonic Temple, in Pittsburgh, with forty-nine charter members. This new Chapter is well officered and starts under most favorable conditions.

December 14th, accompanied by a corps of Acting Grand Officers, I constituted Coraopolis Royal Arch Chapter No. 300, at Coraopolis, Allegheny County, with thirty charter members. This Chapter is located in a thriving and densely populated community, and its members are a hustling, active body of Companions, who, I am fully satisfied, will be zealous in the cause of Capitular Masonry.

December 20th, the most Excellent Grand King, as Acting Grand High Priest, accompanied by a full corps of Grand Officers, constituted Lansdale Royal Arch Chapter No. 301, at Lansdale, Montgomery County, with forty-two charter members.

Rehearsal of Work in Grand Chapter.

At the Quarterly Communication in March the Mark Degree was exemplified by Companion Charles F. Bower, of University Royal Arch Chapter No. 256, as Worshipful Master, assisted by the Officers of the Chapter.

At the June Communication, the Most Excellent Degree was exemplified by Companion Sook, of Columbia Royal Arch Chapter No. 91, as Most Excellent Master, assisted by the Officers of the Chapter.

At the September Communication, the Royal Arch Degree was exemplified by Companion Hayes H. Duncan, of Oriental Royal Arch Chapter No. 183, assisted by the Officers of the Chapter.

At the Quarterly Communication, held December 2nd, Companion William Taylor was installed Most Excellent High Priest of Media Royal Arch Chapter No. 234, and the Order of High Priesthood was conferred upon him by Companion S. E. Burke Kinsloe.

Representatives.

The following Companions have been recognized as Representatives to this Grand Chapter from the Grand Chapters indicated:

Companion William A. Rhoads .....Alabama
Companion Frank W. Martenis .....Arkansas
Companion Fred Paul Sher .....Delaware

Companion JOHN A. PERRY .....Iowa
Companion GEORGE A. GORGAS .....Maine
Companion EDWARD HOPE .....Kansas
Companion J. HENRY WILLIAMS .....Maryland
Companion CHARLES CARY .....New York
Companion THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR. ..Oklahoma

I have Commissioned the following named Companions as Representatives of this Grand Chapter near their respective Grand Chapters, whose appointments have been received and acknowledged:

Companion WOOLSEY FINNELL .....Alabama
Companion DAVID E. SMITH .....Indiana
Companion C. L. SIVERLY .....Iowa
Companion FRANK E. DAVIS .....Kansas
Companion JOHN H. MILLER .....Maryland
Companion ERNEST LANE WILSON .....Oklahoma

WAIVERS OF JURISDICTION.

I have granted Waivers of Jurisdiction as follows:

New Jersey .....Seven
Connecticut .....One
Delaware .....One

And have requested Waivers as follows:

From New Jersey—Four, all of which were granted.

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED.

January 9th, to Aaron Royal Arch Chapter No. 207, to elect a Secretary, the Secretary elected not wishing to be installed.

January 21st, to Palestine Royal Arch Chapter No. 240, to elect a Secretary to fill a vacancy caused by death.

March 24th, to Good Samaritan Royal Arch Chapter No. 266, to elect a Secretary to fill a vacancy caused by death.

March 25th, to Clearfield Royal Arch Chapter No. 228, to elect a Treasurer to fill a vacancy caused by death.

March 28th, Monongahela Royal Arch Chapter No. 249, to confer the Royal Arch Degree on Brother Eubert Henry Lung at the same meeting when conferring the Mark and Most Excellent Degrees, he not being able to wait the required time.

June 3rd, to Oriental Royal Arch Chapter No. 183, to confer the Royal Arch Degree on Brother Robert J. Lucas at the same meeting when conferring the Mark and Most Excellent Degrees, the said Robert J. Lucas being a seafaring man and unable to wait the required time.

I have refused to grant a number of dispensations to confer the Royal Arch Degree out of time, where no sufficient reason was given for the request.

Appointments.

April 19th, appointed Companion Past High Priest McCluney Radcliffe, of Palestine Royal

Arch Chapter No. 240, a member of the Finance Committee, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Companion M. Richards Mucklé.

June 27th, appointed Companion Charles A. Weaver, of Wilkes-Barre, District Deputy Grand High Priest for the Seventh District, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Companion Henry L. Moore.

Decisions.

Many letters were received requesting a decision on matters where the same was not necessary, and the inquiries were answered by a reference to the Constitutional provision covering the matter in question. It is much to be regretted, that so many of the Companions and especially Elective Officers of so many Chapters fail to study the Constitution. It should be a matter of pride, if not from a sense of duty, that would impel every Elective Officer of every Subordinate Chapter in this Jurisdiction, to make such a study of the Constitution as would enlighten him on the simplest questions that are matters of elementary law. Only a few questions submitted necessitated the recording of a decision, as follows:

1. That the summons provided for in Article 14, Section 13 of the Constitution, after a resolution has been offered to change the place of meeting of a Chapter, must be *signed* by the High Priest and Secretary, and their names must not be stamped or printed thereon.

This decision doubtless will impose much labor on the two Officers named where the Chapter membership is large, but to hold otherwise would be an entering wedge that eventually may prove troublesome.

"A summons is much more than a mere notice."

2. The failure of a Committee of Inquiry to report to the Chapter in four months from the time of presentation of the petition, as required by Article 17, Section 3 of the Constitution, invalidates the petition. Any further action by the Chapter can only be on the presenting of a new petition and the referring of the same to a new Committee of Inquiry. The Chapter minutes should show that the Committee failed to report, and the Most Excellent Grand Secretary should be promptly notified of the failure to report.

I refused to set aside the election of King and Scribe and direct a new election for said Officers in Germantown Royal Arch Chapter No. 208 on the complaint of Companion ———— ————, and on the petition of a number of Companions.

Refused to permit the use of a "lantern slide" in illustrating lectures in the Capitular Degrees (the purpose stated, being to confine the use of the "slides" to such Biblical, Historical and Traditional incidents as are mentioned in the Lectures).

The matter that has given me more concern than any other is the "legacy" left me by my predeces-

sor, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest Companion WELLS. The General Return for 1913 for Solomon Royal Arch Chapter No. 191, located at Meadville, shows that this Chapter had exalted eight candidates in less than four weeks from the date of conferring the Mark Degree, which was a clear violation of the constitutional provision relating to that subject. The matter was not brought to the attention of Companion WELLS until within one week or less before the expiration of his term of office. I requested District Deputy Companion BARKEY to go to the Chapter and investigate the matter fully and report to me, which he did. The High Priest who was responsible for the violation of the law plead ignorance of the law as his excuse. The report of the District Deputy shows that a number of the candidates (four or five) have since removed from their then place of residence and are now living far away from that vicinity. To declare the action of the Chapter null and void and compel these Brethren to return to this Chapter to receive the Royal Arch Degree now, would be a hardship which I am loth to impose upon them, and while I am slow to establish a precedent by healing the action of the Chapter in this matter, in view of all the circumstances and with particular reference to the fact of the removal from the vicinity of a number of the candidates who received the Degree, I have concluded to heal the action of the Chapter for that reason alone, and do so with the hope that this disposition of the case shall not be taken as a prec-

edent for healing any violation of the Constitutional provision where the question of change of residence of candidates is not involved.

Work.

Uniformity in the work of the Chapters throughout the Jurisdiction and the Standard of work as laid down by the Grand Chapter has met with a hearty response from the Companions, and I have been more than pleased with the efforts put forth by the District Deputy Grand High Priests throughout the Jurisdiction in instructing the Chapters in their respective Districts, and the results of their labors are readily observed and plainly indicated by the rehearsals of the work in numerous Chapters where heretofore the spirit of unconcern and indifference was manifested. Companion S. E. Burke Kinsloe and other members of the Capitular School have been devoting much time and effort in different Districts, instructing the Companions of many Chapters in the authorized work, and their efforts have been appreciated by the Companions, many of whom have written thanking me for sending the Instructor to them.

District Deputies.

This position is not a sinecure by any means. The faithful body of Companions who make up my corps of District Deputies, comprise Physicians, Lawyers, Bankers, Railroad Officials and Business Men in various branches, and all busy men in their respective

callings, all willing to devote much time and make many sacrifices to bring the work of Capitular Masonry to a really high standard and a sure success in their Districts. I thank them heartily for their loyalty and devotion to the cause.

Recommendations.

Wherever I have visited during the year, I have endeavored to impress upon the Companions the duty of urging upon worthy Brethren, sufficiently advanced, the need of their becoming Royal Arch Masons. While the increase in membership in many of the Subordinate Chapters continues, this increase is not what it should be, and the General Returns to December 27, 1914, as published in the Grand Chapter Proceedings for 1914, show that at least seven Chapters did not confer the Mark Degree during the year, and many others have less than three candidates "Marked". I would urge upon the Companions throughout the Jurisdiction their privilege, nay, their duty, in this regard, with the hope and expectation of a general revival of interest throughout the Jurisdiction and the further hope that the dawning of the New Year may bring a quickening of activities and a rededication of ourselves to the great work of Capitular Masonry.

When the report of the Finance Committee was read at the December Quarterly Communication, I observed that the conservative estimate of receipts and expenses of Grand Chapter for the incoming

fiscal year, showed a very small balance on the right side of the account. This leads me to refer to the recommendation made by Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest Companion WELLS, in his report for 1914, urging an increase of the per capita tax. I cheerfully follow that lead, and now recommend to the Finance Committee the consideration of the matter of an increase in the per capita tax from the present sum of thirty cents (30c) to fifty cents (50c), with the hope that this matter will be taken up by the Finance Committee at an early date and reported to Grand Chapter for its consideration.

CONCLUSION.

I have endeavored to outline my Official acts. They have been few and seemingly commonplace, but I have given my best efforts to what I have deemed the best interest of this Grand Chapter, and while all expectations may not have been gratified, we trust what has been done will meet with your approval.

In closing, let me express my deep appreciation of the splendid assistance rendered the Grand Chapter by the Officers, Elective and Appointive, the Members of all the Committees and the School of Instruction. To the Most Excellent Grand Secretary, to whom more opportunities have come, I wish particularly to express my hearty appreciation of his ever readiness to anticipate my every want and need. May the Lord have you all in His keeping, always.

So much of the Minutes of the Quarterly Communication held on Thursday afternoon, December

2, 1915, as refers to the election of Grand Officers was read.

All of the Companions present who had not received the Order of High Priesthood having retired, Companion PORTER W. LOWRY was installed *Most Excellent Grand High Priest of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging,* was duly proclaimed as such, and received the salutations of the Craft.

The Companions who had retired were readmitted, when the following Grand Officers were severally installed, and were duly proclaimed, and received the salutations of the Craft:

Companion THOMAS MCCONNELL, JR., *M. E. Grand King.*

Companion DAVID J. DAVIS, *M. E. Grand Scribe.*

Companion EDWARD B. SPENCER, P. G. H. P., *M. E. Grand Treasurer.*

Companion STOCKTON BATES, *M. E. Grand Secretary.*

The Grand High Priest, Most Excellent Companion PORTER W. LOWRY, directed the Most Excellent Grand Secretary to announce the following appointments:

Appointments.

District Deputy Grand High Priests.

A. Companion Paul J. Pontius, of Philadelphia, for Chapters Nos. 52, 175, 226, 243, 248, 284, and Girard Mark Lodge No. 214, in Philadelphia.

B. Companion Robert G. Smith, of Philadelphia, for Chapters Nos. 3, 169, 183, 240, 251 and 256, in Philadelphia.

C. Companion Samuel K. Louchheim, of Philadelphia, for Chapters Nos. 91, 208, 232, 233, 250 and Excelsior Mark Lodge No. 216, in Philadelphia.

1. Companion J. Howard S. Barnes, of Norristown, for the Counties of Bucks and Montgomery (except Chapter No. 262), and Chapter No. 198, of Chester County.

2. Companion Wayne J. Pennell, of Berwyn, for the Counties of Chester (except Chapter No. 198) and Delaware, and Chapter No. 262, of Montgomery County.

3. Companion Milton E. Gingrich, of Lancaster, for the Counties of Berks, Lancaster (except Chapter No. 224) and Lebanon.

4. Companion John H. Bennett, of York, for the Counties of Adams and York, and Chapter No. 224, of Lancaster County.

5. Companion Charles R. Roberts, of Allentown, for the Counties of Lehigh, Monroe, Northampton and Pike.

6. Companion Charles H. Tilton, of Scranton, for the Counties of Lackawanna, Susquehanna and Wayne, and Chapter No. 205, of Wyoming County.

7. Companion Charles H. Weaver, of Wilkes-Barre, for the Counties of Luzerne and Sullivan, and Chapters No. 161, of Bradford County, and No. 172, of Wyoming County.

8. Companion Peter K. Filbert, of Pottsville, for the Counties of Carbon and Schuylkill.

9. Companion William F. Shay, of Watsontown, for the Counties of Columbia, Montour, Northumberland, Snyder and Union.

10. Companion Arthur W. Gillan, of Chambersburg, for the Counties of Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Juniata and Perry.

11. Companion Henry M. Kinsel, of Huntingdon, for the Counties of Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Fulton, Huntingdon and Mifflin.

12. Companion Henry Hipple, of Lock Haven, for the Counties of Centre, Clinton and Lycoming, and Chapters Nos. 194 and 296, of Tioga County, and No. 261, of Bradford County.

13. Companion O. Bruce Porter, of Clearfield, for the Counties of Cameron, Clearfield and Elk, and Chapter No. 279, of McKean County.

14. Companion Walton K. Swetland, of Coudersport, for the Counties of McKean (except Chapter No. 279, at Kane) and Potter, and Chapter No. 265, of Tioga County.

15. Companion Thomas N. McKee, of Kittanning, for the Counties of Armstrong, Butler, Clarion, Indiana and Jefferson.

16. Companion Edward Hope, of Pittsburgh, for Chapters Nos. 162, 193, 257, 268, 285 and 297, of Allegheny County.

17. Companion David Carlin, of Bellevue, for Chapters Nos. 217, 280, 286, 288, of Allegheny County, and 150 and 294, of Washington County.

18. Companion Edmund W. Boots, of McKeesport, for Chapters Nos. 282 and 289, of Allegheny County, No. 249, of Washington County, and No. 290, of Westmoreland County.

19. Companion John A. Armstrong, of Connellsville, for the Counties of Fayette, Greene, Somerset and Westmoreland (except Chapter No. 290).

20. Companion Allan W. Urmson, of New Castle, for the Counties of Beaver, Lawrence and Mercer.

21. Companion PETER BARKEY, of Erie, for the Counties of Crawford and Erie (except Chapter No. 207, of Crawford County).

22. Companion CHARLES E. COOPER, of Oil City, for the Counties of Forest, Venango and Warren, and Chapter No. 207, of Crawford County.

Trustees.

M. E. Comp. J. HENRY WILLIAMS, P. G. H. P.
" " EDWARD PERRY.
" " CHARLES CHIPMAN.

Grand Chaplains.

Comp. REV. BENJAMIN F. DELO, of Clarion.
" REV. WILLIAM B. CHALFANT, D. D., of Philadelphia.
" REV. ROBERT C. BOWLING, of Kittanning.
" REV. CLARENCE H. WOOLSTON, D. D., of Philadelphia.
" REV. JOHN G. WILSON, D. D., of Philadelphia.
" REV. EDWARD W. RUSHTON, of Reading.
" REV. McWILLIAM R. CRAIG, of Butler.

Grand Captain of the Host.

Comp. S. E. BURKE KINSLOE, of Chapter No. 240.

Grand Principal Sojourner.

Comp. BENJAMIN EISEMAN, of Chapter No. 183.

Grand Royal Arch Captain.

Comp. FRANK W. MARTENIS, of Chapter No. 291.

Grand Master of Third Vail.

Comp. ROBERT A. WALKER, of Chapter No. 223.

Grand Master of Second Vail.

Comp. WILLIAM S. MARKLEY, of Chapter No. 257.

Grand Master of First Vail.

Comp. J. WILLIAM PANCOAST, of Chapter No. 232.

Grand Marshal.

Comp. JOSEPH E. QUINBY, of Chapter No. 234.

Senior Grand Master of Ceremonies.

Comp. GEORGE P. DARROW, of Chapter No. 208.

Junior Grand Master of Ceremonies.

Comp. RALPH C. MINEHART, of Chapter No. 286.

Grand Pursuivant.

Comp. CHARLES S. WOOD, of Chapter No. 3.

Grand Tyler.

Comp. WILLIAM B. JOSLYN, of Chapter No. 175.

Committee on Jurisprudence.

M. E. Comp. HIBBERT P. JOHN, P. G. H. P.
" " GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., P. G. H. P.
" " EDGAR A. TENNIS, P. G. H. P.
" " MICHAEL W. JACOBS, P. G. H. P.
" " EDWARD B. SPENCER, P. G. H. P.
" " H. OSCAR KLINE, P. G. H. P.
" " J. HENRY WILLIAMS, P. G. H. P.
" " WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, P. G. H. P.
" " CARL A. SUNDSTROM, P. G. H. P.
" " A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, P. G. H. P.
" " GEORGE B. WELLS, P. G. H. P.

In conjunction with the Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

Committee on Appeals.

M. E. Comp. GEORGE B. WELLS, P. G. H. P.
" " J. HENRY WILLIAMS, P. G. H. P.
Comp. ALFRED L. REICHENBACH.
" REUBEN A. ZIMMERMAN.
" BERTRAM D. REARICK.

Committee on Finance.

M. E. Comp. A. G. CRISWELL SMITH, P. G. H. P.
Comp. WILLIAM M. DONALDSON.
" E. MARSHALL HARVEY.
" J. WAELDER MCMULLEN.
" MCCLUNEY RADCLIFFE.

Committee on By-laws.

M. E. Comp. Carl A. Sundstrom, P. G. H. P.
Comp. A. Howard Thomas.
" Fenton H. Middleton.
" William A. Rhoads.
" William R. Sutch.

Committee on Correspondence.

M. E. Comp. William B. Meredith, P. G. H. P.
" " A. G. Criswell Smith, P. G. H. P.
Comp. Stockton Bates.
" John M. Core.
" Walter T. Taggart.

Committee on Charity.

M. E. Comp. George W. Kendrick, Jr., P. G. H. P.
Comp. John E. Poore.
" George F. Garside.
" Albert W. Nicholson.
" Charles T. Gilden.

Committee on Printing and Publishing.

Comp. Louis M. Wagner.
" James W. R. Washington.
" Frank E. Townsend.
" Murray Gorgas.
" Wesley R. Morgan.

Communications were received from Grand Chapters announcing the deaths of distinguished Companions as follows:

Companion PHILIP MCRAE, Grand Royal Arch Captain, Grand Royal Arch Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Alabama. Died July 10, 1915.

M. E. Companion WILLIAM A. BODENHAMER, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Mississippi, Royal Arch Masons. Died November 3, 1915.

M. E. Companion J. HARRIS BALSTON, Past Grand High Priest of the M. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New York. Died November 16, 1915.

M. E. Companion ANTONIO B. GRACE, Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Arkansas. Died December 2, 1915.

At the request of the Grand Secretary, Companion WARREN T. WALKER was appointed Assistant to the Grand Secretary, which appointment was approved by the Grand Chapter.

The Grand Chapter was closed in Peace at nine o'clock and fifteen minutes P. M.

STOCKTON BATES,
Grand Secretary.

In Memoriam

M. RICHARDS MUCKLÉ.

"Thou shalt come to thy grave in a full age, Like as a shock of grain cometh in in its season."

On Tuesday morning, March 30, 1915, Mark Richards Mucklé was summoned by Death from his home at 1722 Pine Street, Philadelphia, in the ninetieth year of his life.

Masonic Record of Companion Mucklé.

Lodge 125.

Entered Apprentice	April 26, 1850.
Fellowcraft	May 24, 1850.
Master Mason	June 28, 1850.
Junior Warden	1854.
Senior Warden	1855.
Worshipful Master	1856.
Secretary	1853.

Grand Lodge.

Committee on Printing and Publishing	1890 until death.

Columbia Royal Arch Chapter, No. 91.

Mark Master Mason in Mark Lodge, No. 214	October 12, 1852.
Most Excellent Master Mason	January 24, 1856.
Royal Arch Mason	January 24, 1856.

Grand Chapter.

Committee on Finance	1872 until death.

Philadelphia Council, No. 11.

Royal Master Mason	June 24, 1858.
Select Master Mason	June 24, 1858.
Super-Excellent Master Mason	June 24, 1858.
Past Thrice Illustrious Master	1858.

Philadelphia Commandery, No. 2.

Red Cross .....March 21, 1856.
Templar .....March 21, 1856.
Malta .....March 21, 1856.
Captain General .....1858.
Generalissimo .....1859.
Eminent Commander .....1860.
Recorder .....1861 to 1863.
Prelate .....1866.

Grand Commandery.

Grand Treasurer .....1871 to 1895.

Grand Council.

Right Puissant Grand Conductor of Work .....1875.
Right Puissant Illustrious Grand Master .....1876.
Right Puissant Deputy Grand Master .....1877.
Most Puissant Grand Master.....1878 and 1879.

A. & A. Scottish Rite.

Philadelphia Lodge of Perfection, 4 to 14 .....July 15, 1869.
DeJoinville Council Pr. of Jer., 15 and 16 .....July 15, 1869.
Kilwinning Chap. Rose Croix, 17 to 18 .....July 15, 1869.
Philadelphia Consistory 19 to 32..July 15, 1869.

Crowned Sovereign Grand Inspector General .....December 3, 1871.

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

OF

The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter

OF PENNSYLVANIA.

1795, William Ball.*
1796—1797, William Moore Smith.*
1798—1802, Jonathan Bayard Smith.*
1802—1805, Israel Israel.*
1806—1813, James Milnor.*
1814, Richard Tybout.*
1815, Samuel F. Bradford.*
1816—1817, Walter Kerr.*
1818—1821, Bayse Newcomb.*
1822—1823, Josiah Randall.*
1824—1825, Michael Nisbet.*
1826, John Steele, Jr.*
1827, Tristram B. Freeman.*
1828, Joseph S. Riley.*
1829—1831, John M. Read.*
1832—1833, Samuel H. Perkins.*
1834, Enos S. Gandy.*
1835, John Y. Black.*
1836—1840, Joseph R. Chandler.*
1841—1842, Alexander Dimond.*
1843—1844, William Whitney.*
1845—1846, William Barger.*
1847, John McGrath.*
1848, John J. Krider.*
1849, James Simpson.*
1850—1851, David C. Skerrett.*
1852—1853, Edward P. Lescure.*
1854, Anthony Bournonville.*

*Deceased.

1855—1856, Harman Baugh.*
1857, John C. Smith.*
1858—1859, Daniel Thompson.*
1860, Benjamin Parke.*
1861, Harman Yerkes.*
1862—1863, Jeremiah L. Hutchinson.*
1864—1865, George W. Wood.*
1866—1867, Samuel C. Perkins.*
1868—1869, George Griscom.*
1870—1871, Michael Nisbet.*
1874—1875, Andrew Robeno, Jr.*
1876, George E. Wagner.*
1877—1878, Alfred R. Potter.*
1879—1880, William C. Hamilton.*
1881—1882, Hibbert P. John.
1883—1884, Augustus R. Hall.*
1885—1886, George W. Kendrick, Jr.
1887—1888, Matthias H. Henderson.*
1889—1890, James S. Barber.*
1891—1892, Alexander H. Morgan.*
1893—1894, Edgar A. Tennis.
1895—1896, Ezra S. Bartlett.*
1897—1898, Richard M. Johnson.*
1899—1900, Michael W. Jacobs.
1901—1902, Edward B. Spencer.
1903—1904, H. Oscar Kline.
1905—1906, J. Henry Williams.
1907—1908, William B. Meredith.
1909—1910, Carl A. Sundstrom.
1911—1912, A. G. Criswell Smith.
1913—1914, George B. Wells.

*Deceased.

"Farewell, ye lofty spires,
That cheered the holy light!
Farewell, domestic fires,
That broke the gloom of night!
Too soon those spires are lost,
Too fast we leave the bay,
Too soon by ocean tost
From hearth and home away,
Far away, far away.

"Farewell, my brothers true,
My betters, yet my peers;
How desert without you,
My few and evil years!
But though aye one in heart,
Together sad or gay,
Rude ocean doth us part;
We separate today,
Far away, far away."—*Emerson.*

"Now is done thy long day's work;
Fold thy palms across thy breast,
Fold thine arms, turn to thy rest.
Let them rave.
Shadows of the silver birk
Sweep the green that folds thy grave.
Let them rave."

In Memory of

Past High Priests, Deceased

	CHAPTER	DIED
ALEXANDER W. BERGSTRESSER,	No. 21	July 5, 1915
JOSHUA W. JONES	" 21	April 5, 1914
LUTHER R. KELKER	" 21	Oct. 24, 1915
HENRY E. CARSON	" 43	Mar. 11, 1915
JOEL S. EBY	" 43	May 22, 1915
WILLIAM A. WITHERUP ..	" 52	Sept. 12, 1915
M. RICHARDS MUCKLÉ	" 91	Mar. 30, 1915
WILLIAM J. ROE	" 91	Nov. 29, 1915
T. ROSS JOHNSON	" 150	Oct. 28, 1915
ALBERT RITTER	" 152	Mar. 27, 1915
DANIEL A. JONES	" 159	Mar. 9, 1915
JOSEPH W. BURFORD	" 162	Oct. 29, 1915
STEPHEN C. McCANDLESS,	" 162	July 4, 1915
ADOLPH MULHEIM	" 167	Jan. 25, 1915
JAMES W. PIATT	" 172	Nov. 17, 1914
JOHN H. HEIM	" 174	May 7, 1915
WILLIAM H. MANEELY....	" 175	June 26, 1913
JOHN C. UHLE	" 175	May 3, 1915
WILLIAM BOYD MORROW,	" 176	Aug. 15, 1915
P. ROBINSON	" 177	June 11, 1915
HENRY L. MOORE	" 182	June 17, 1915
GEORGE W. SPIESE	" 183	Sept. 8, 1915
PETER A. B. WIDENER	" 183	Nov. 6, 1915
ALFRED H. SHOPLAND ...	" 185	Sept. 23, 1915

In Memory of

Past High Priests, Deceased

	CHAPTER	DIED
ASA B. STEVENS	No. 185	Jan. 21, 1914
FREDERICK W. BLIGH	" 191	Oct. 2, 1915
JOHN OMSLER	" 192	Nov. 16, 1914
CLARK F. WARDEN	" 192	Dec. 26, 1914
JOHN A. NOEL	" 193	July 23, 1915
GEORGE A. HAGER	" 195	June 24, 1915
ADDISON S. VANDERSLICE,	" 198	July 29, 1915
FRANK L. WAGONER	" 198	Sept. 23, 1915
JOSEPH D. HUGHES	" 202	Mar. 30, 1915
DANIEL Z. WALKER	" 203	Feby. 15, 1915
HENRY C. PATTERSON	" 206	Jany. 31, 1915
JOHN S. BRADLEY	" 207	Nov. 12, 1915
LEVERE G. FIRESTINE	" 209	Mar. 16, 1915
THOMAS ALGER	" 211	Jan. 17, 1915
ELMER C. BARTON	" 212	Dec. 15, 1914
CHARLES W. MAINS	" 214	Sept. 18, 1915
ELI McKISSICK, Jr.	" 223	Mar. 20, 1915
E. HOWARD ROLLINS.....	" 223	Feby. 20, 1915
WILLIAM H. SHENBERGER,	" 224	Feby. 27, 1915
JOHN YARD	" 226	Dec. 13, 1913
GEORGE E. HAAK	" 237	Mar. 30, 1915
J. WILLIAM JOST	" 237	May 14, 1915
A. J. FRICK	" 239	Mar. 6, 1915
WILLIAM H. KRICKBAUM,	" 239	Sept. 21, 1915
EDWARD R. MARSH	" 240	Jan. 13, 1915

In Memory of

Past High Priests, Deceased

	CHAPTER	DIED
WILLIAM E. STEEN	No. 240	July 20, 1915
J. FRANK BURDSALL	" 240	Sept. 28, 1915
LOUIS R. HALSTEAD	" 243	April 26, 1915
FRANK P. MASON	" 243	April 2, 1915
WILLIAM PENDELBURY ..	" 243	Aug. 8, 1915
JOHN W. RIDPATH	" 245	May 8, 1913
ELWOOD WILGUS	" 245	Nov. 8, 1915
WILLIAM M. HEILMAN ...	" 247	June 16, 1914
JOSEPH S. MILLER	" 248	Nov. 4, 1914
HORACE B. WINPENNY ...	" 248	Apr. 29, 1915
ALBERT G. VAN HOOK	" 249	May 30, 1915
SAMUEL W. WRAY	" 251	Oct. 6, 1915
DAVID HUTCHINSON	" 252	Mar. 20, 1915
REESE TASKER	" 252	May 31, 1915
SAMUEL C. CHASE	" 258	June 26, 1915
JOHN W. KNAPP	" 259	Sept. 11, 1915
JAMES M. STEVENSON ...	" 260	Apr. 27, 1915
WILLIAM C. WAKLER.....	" 260	Sept. 22, 1915
GEORGE G. LENNIG	" 262	Aug. 22, 1915
CHRISTIAN J. LESSIG	" 264	June 1, 1915
THOMAS HOOPER	" 268	Feby. 25, 1915
ROBERT B. WARD	" 268	Oct. 18, 1915
EDELBERT U. EATON	" 269	May 25, 1915
WILLIAM C. THOMPSON ..	" 273	Aug. 24, 1915
HENRY McGIBBONS	" 283	July 2, 1915
JOHN S. MACK	" 292	May 3, 1915

Titles of Meetings and Dates of Bodies Composed Exclusively of Masons.

Ancient Craft Masons—

Commence their era with the creation of the world, calling it *Anno Lucis* (A. L.), "in the year of light."

Lodges F. and A. M.—

Hold Communications. Add 4000 to 1915—A. L. 5915.

Royal Arch Masons—

Date from the year the second temple was commenced by Zerubbabel, *Anno Inventionis* (A. I.), "in the year of discovery."

Chapters R. A. M.—

Hold Convocations. Add 530 to 1915—A. I. 2445.

Royal and Select Masters—

Date from the year in which the temple of Solomon was completed, *Anno Depositionis* (A. Dep.), " in the year of the deposit."

Councils R. and S. M.—

Hold Assemblies. Add 1000 to 1915—A. Dep. 2915.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR—

Commence their era with the organization of their order, *Anno Ordinis* (A. O.), "in the year of the order."

COMMANDERIES K. T.—

Hold Conclaves. Subtract 1118 from 1915—A. O. 797.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD—

Dates from the year of the blessing of Abraham by the High Priest Melchizedek, *Anno Benedictionis* (A. B.), "in the year of blessing."

COUNCILS OF ANOINTED HIGH PRIESTS—

Hold Conventions. Add 1913 to 1915—A. B. 3828.

SCOTTISH RITE—

Same as Ancient Craft, except the Jewish chronology is used, *Anno Mundi* (A. M.), "in the year of the world."

CONSISTORIES A. AND A. S. R.—

Hold Rendezvous. Add 3760 to 1915—A. M. 5675.

TEMPLE A. A. O. N. M. S.—

Hold Sessions. Each thirty years from the Hejira, or July 15, A. D. 622, constitute a cycle. Nineteen of these years contain 355 days and eleven 356. A. H. 1231 begins January 12, A. D. 1915.

REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

The list following shows all the Grand Chapters in correspondence with this Grand Chapter and to whom the reviews were assigned. The proceedings of those Grand Jurisdictions marked with an asterisk did not reach the Grand Secretary in time for distribution.

	Annual Convocation	
Alabama	December	William B. Meredith, P. G. H. P.
Arizona	November	
Arkansas	November	
California	April	
Canada	January	
Colorado	September	
Connecticut	May	
Delaware	January	
District of Columbia	February	
England	May	
England and Wales	December	
*England, Grand Mark Lodge	June	
Florida	May	A. G. Criswell Smith, P. G. H. P.
General Grand Chapter	September	
Georgia	April	
*Idaho	June	
Illinois	October	
Indiana	October	
Iowa	July	
*Ireland	December	
Kansas	February	
Kentucky	October	
Louisiana	February	
Maine	May	

	Annual Convocation	
Maryland, 1913, 1914	November	Stockton Bates.
Massachusetts	December	
Michigan	January	
Minnesota, 1913, 1914	October	
Mississippi	February	
Missouri	April	
*Montana	September	
Nebraska	December	
Nevada	June	
New Brunswick	August	
New Hampshire, 1913, 1914	May	
New Jersey	May	
New Mexico	October	John M. Core.
New York	February	
North Carolina	June	
North Dakota	June	
Nova Scotia	June	
*Ohio	October	
Oklahoma, 1913, 1914	April	
Oregon	June	
Quebec	March	
*Rhode Island	March	
Scotland	March	
South Carolina	February	
South Dakota	June	Walter T. Taggart.
*Tennessee	January	
*Texas	December	
Utah	May	
*Vermont	June	
Victoria	October	
*Virginia	November	
Washington	June	
West Virginia	November	
*Wisconsin	February	
*Wyoming	March	

The report of the Committee on Correspondence for the Masonic year ending December 27, 1915, is again prepared by the usual Committee of Five, with the same subdivision of Grand Chapters as in preceding years.

ROYAL ARCH REGALIA OF BRO. WILLIAM BALL.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER OF PENNSYLVANIA, 1761-1782; R. W. GRAND MASTER GRAND LODGE F. & A. M. OF PENNSYLVANIA, 1795.

ORIGINAL IN MUSEUM OF GRAND LODGE.

RICHARD BALL DODSON, OF VICARAGE GARDENS, BRIGHTON, ENGLAND, BEING DULY SWORN, DEPOSETH AND SAITH THAT THE SASH AND JEWEL PRESENTED BY HIM AND NOW IN THE CUSTODY OF THE GRAND LODGE OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF PENNSYLVANIA, CAME TO HIM FROM HIS MOTHER, HARRIOTT S. BALL DODSON, WHO INHERITED IT FROM HER FATHER, JOSEPH BALL, ESQ., OF RICHMOND HALL, PHILADELPHIA, NEPHEW AND HEIR-GENERAL OF WILLIAM BALL, ESQ , FIRST GRAND MASTER OF THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA; THAT THE SAME HAVE ALWAYS BEEN IN THE POSSESSION OF HIMSELF AND HIS ANCESTORS, AND THAT THEY HAVE BEEN HELD TO BE THE SASH AND JEWEL WORN BY THE SAID WILLIAM BALL, ESQ., AS GRAND MASTER OF THE PROVINCE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, A NOTARY PUBLIC,
THIS 17TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1907.

(SIGNED) RICHARD BALL DODSON.

CHAS. L. LOCKWOOD, NOTARY PUBLIC.

[L. S.] COMMISSION EXPIRES JUNUARY 3, 1909.

The same careful consideration has been given the proceedings as in former years. All that tends to disturb the peace and harmony existing between our Grand Chapter and Sister Jurisdictions has been carefully avoided; all that has been said has been with a view to strengthen fraternity and brotherhood.

If any Grand Chapter has not been reviewed, the fault is not with the Committee.

The close of the year finds the Subordinate Chapters of our Jurisdiction in good condition, with peace and harmony prevailing; the work being uniform and in strict accordance with the requirements of Grand Chapter, but the increase in membership is not as great as it should be. We find the same condition existing in a number of Grand Jurisdictions. A desire of knowledge of Ancient Masonry should prompt every Master Mason to seek the real, to become a Royal Arch Mason, thus attaining all that there is in Ancient Masonry, and not be carried away with the glare and show of any organization that is in no way connected with Ancient Craft Masonry.

It is a pleasure to say that peace and harmony prevails in our Grand Chapter, and we believe the same can be said of all Grand Chapters on the American Continent; the only disturbing element being a small cloud which has arisen on the Northern Horizon, which temporarily affects the peace and harmony of the Grand Chapter of Canada. This Grand Chapter terms it the "Alberta revolt"; it has received little, if any, encouragement from other Jurisdictions.

Our Grand Chapter, at the Quarterly Communication in December, 1914, approved the report of the Committee on Correspondence, which declined to recommend the request of the Grand Chapter of Alberta for recognition; the absolute Jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Canada, over territory which has been hers for over half a century, must be preserved, and if any other Grand Chapter is established within the bounds of the Grand Chapter of Canada, it must be by and with the consent of that Grand Chapter.

Free Masonry teaches Fraternity and Brotherhood, such we have on this Continent, and our nation is at peace with the world, but across the ocean nations are engaged in deadly strife in the greatest war ever known in history, uncalled for and unnecessary. Our Brethren and Companions, imbued with the spirit of devotion to country, are giving their lives in defense of its honor—and for what? To gratify the inordinate ambition of selfish rulers. Every effort should be made by all nations to bring about peace. Even the nations engaged in warfare, instead of appealing to the passions and prejudices of their people, should appeal to Him who controls the destinies of individuals and nations, to bring about peace, a permanent peace, an abiding peace. May the New Year bring that peace.

We extend the Greetings of the Season to our Companions, and when an account of the New Year has been rendered, may it prove the greatest ever known in Capitular Masonry. W. B. M.

ALABAMA.

The members of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama, met in their Eighty-eighth Annual Convocation, in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Montgomery, on Monday, November 30, 1914.

Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at nine o'clock A. M., by M. E. Companion ALBERT E. PACE. All Grand Officers were present, also nine Past Grand High Priests. Fifty-seven Chapters were represented.

The Grand High Priest's address is a resume of his actions during the year, and is businesslike in every respect.

The opening paragraph of his address, in reference to the condition of Capitular Masonry in his Jurisdiction, is as follows:

"Upon the assembling of this, our Eighty-eighth Annual Convocation, it gives me pleasure to make known to you that despite most unfavorable conditions, we have experienced a substantial and gratifying prosperity as Royal Arch Masons during the past twelve months. Notwithstanding the depressed conditions existing in Alabama, caused by the terrible war in which the greater part of Europe is now engaged, I am yet able to report an unusually large increase in membership, and I verily believe a strengthened and extended interest in Capitular Masonry.

"Certainly the past year has been one peculiarly free from all differences and dissensions. During my incumbency of the office of Grand High

Priest, I have not been called upon to make any official rulings or decisions; this I attribute, not to the quiet of inaction, but to the quiet of a perfect fraternal harmony.''

Is ''perfect fraternal harmony'' possible?

Under the head of ''Our Fraternal Dead,'' he gives his letter to the chapters of his Jurisdiction, issued at the time of the death of Companion William Yates Titcomb, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence from 1899 to the time of his death. In closing his deserved tribute to this distinguished Companion, he says:

''In the death of Companion Titcomb, the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama has lost one whose powers of mind, uprightness of heart, clearness of intellect, gentlemanly deportment, benevolent and kindly disposition endeared him to us as a brother and companion and honored the Institution of which we are members.

''To the Craft he left the beautiful teachings and valued words of his graceful pen, while the memories of gentle and kindly deeds tell of the good man gone from the earth forever.''

A large number of Dispensations, to elect officers, to ballot out of time and confer degrees, were issued, as he says, for ''apparently good and sufficient reasons.'' It would take very good reasons to issue a dispensation for any of the above purposes.

The great interest he manifested in the ''Alabama Masonic Home,'' is greatly to his credit; such a course should be followed by Grand High Priests of other Jurisdictions in reference to the Masonic Homes of their respective States.

He pronounces the action of the Grand Chapter, in dividing the Jurisdiction into Districts for the

purpose of official visits and inspection, a success and productive of much good, and the special Committee on Inspection reported the following resolution, to carry out the action of the Grand Chapter, as follows:

"*Be it resolved:*

"1. The Grand Council of this Grand Chapter shall, at each Annual Convocation, divide this Grand Jurisdiction into not less than fifteen Districts, for the purpose of visitation and inspection by a duly appointed Inspector for each District.

"2. The District Inspectors shall be appointed annually by the incoming Grand High Priest from the Grand Officers of this Grand Chapter and the Past High Priests of Chapters subordinate to this Grand Chapter.

"3. The District Inspector shall visit each Chapter in his District twice annually, before the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, and make report to the Grand High Priest as to the work, the records, the attendance, the paraphernalia and the general condition of each, which report shall be made an exhibit to the annual address of the Grand High Priest.

"The District Inspector shall visit the Chapters in his District at such time as may be mutually agreeable, but in the event any Chapter shall fail or refuse to make proper arrangement for visitation and inspection, the Inspector shall have the power, and it shall be his duty, to order a convocation of such Chapter for the purpose of visitation and inspection.

"4. The actual expenses of each visitation shall be paid out of the General Fund of the Grand Chapter on order of the Grand High Priest, by warrant drawn by the Grand Secretary.

"5. When a Chapter is visited by any Grand Officer, in his official capacity, by invitation or otherwise, other than the Inspector for the District, such visitor shall not participate in the work.

"6. The Grand High Priest, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary shall not be appointed Inspectors.

"7. All past legislation touching these matters is hereby revoked."

The resolution was adopted.

He concludes his address in these words:

The reports of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary show the finances of the Grand Chapter to be in a flourishing condition.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence made a special report on the question of the recognition of recently organized Grand Chapter of Alberta, deferring recognition at the present time.

The degrees of Mark Master Mason, Past Master Mason, Most Excellent Master Mason and Royal Arch Mason were exemplified by the "Committee on Work." The representatives were able to learn the Authorized work.

The Committee on Masónic Jurisprudence presented report recommending the adoption of an Amendment to the Constitution on the question of Jurisprudence, as follows:

"*Be it resolved,* By the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Alabama, that Section 8, Article III of the By-laws of this Grand Chapter, be amended so as to read as follows:

" 'Section 8. The jurisdiction of the several Chapters subordinate to this Grand Chapter shall extend half way in all directions between the several Chapters respectively; *provided,* however, that a Master Mason petitioning a Chapter for membership may apply and shall be deemed to be within the jurisdiction of that Chapter nearest to his point of residence as measured by accessibility and nearness in transportation facilities. No Chapter shall have the right of conferring any of the Chapter degrees upon any candidate whose fixed place of abode as herein defined is within the jurisdiction of another Chapter, without the consent of such Chapter having first been obtained.' "

It was adopted.

The present membership of the Chapter of Alabama is four thousand one hundred and forty-nine (4149); an increase of two hundred and six (206) during the year.

An engraving of the retiring Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion ALBERT E. PACE, adorns the proceedings.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was prepared by Past Grand High Priest Companion LAURENCE H. LEE; he reviews the proceedings of fifty (50) Grand Chapters. It is an able report and maintains the high standard set by his predecessor, the lamented Companion WILLIAM YATES TITCOMB. We receive a two-page review.

M. E. Companion NORMAN GUNN was elected Grand High Priest, and R. E. Companion GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP re-elected Grand Secretary. Both were installed.

W. B. M.

ARIZONA.

The Twenty-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Arizona was held in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Prescott, on Wednesday, February 10, 1915.

Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form,* at two o'clock P. M., by M. E. Companion GEORGE ALEXAN-

DER BRIDGE, Grand High Priest, assisted by the other Grand Officers. Three Grand Officers were absent. The Jurisdiction is made up of eight Chapters, all were represented; eight Past Grand High Priests were present.

The address of the Grand High Priest is more than a review of his actions during the year. In welcoming the members to the Twenty-fifth Annual Convocation, reference is made to the formation of the Grand Chapter in the following language:

"While we pause for a moment in the midst of our festivities to behold some of the superstructure of Masonry which has been built upon the solid foundation of which Aztlan Lodge No. 1 is the cornerstone, we realize that here too, the relentless hand of Time is working his insidious will.

"On the 13th of November, 1889, a convention of Royal Arch Masons met in Tucson, for the purpose of taking steps to organize the M. E. Grand Chapter of R. A. M. for Arizona.

"The call for the convention was issued by our Esteemed Grand Secretary, George J. Roskruge, who in the year following reassembled the Companions in Phoenix, at which gathering the warrant for the formation of the Grand Chapter of Arizona was read.

"The convention then adjourned *sine die*, and the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Arizona was opened in Ample Form.

"We meet today, Companions, to hold our Twenty-fifth Convocation. A quarter of a century has marked our progress. We have passed the first milestone on the great highway of Capitular Masonry.

"Eighteen years ago when our M. E. Companion, Rickmer N. Fredericks, delivered his address as Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter he used these words: 'On November 13th, 1889, our Grand Body was organized in this city by a few Companions, consisting of the most active workers in the field of Capitular Masonry in our Territory, and it is gratifying to me to be able to state to you, that those same Companions, to whose devotion and assiduity we are indebted for the existence of this Grand Chapter, are today equally as zealous, as full of energy and just as willing to work for the advancement of the principles of the Royal Craft as they were in the days of yore.'

"Companions, the same words ring as true today as they did eighteen years ago when many of the Companions of this Grand Chapter, including myself, had yet to hear of Capitular Masonry.

"The familiar faces of three of our most active Companions were seen in the first convention twenty-five years ago as representatives of their respective Chapters, and few, if any, of the Companions before me can recall the convocation when they have missed the names of Morris Goldwater, Frederick G. Brecht and George J. Roskruge upon the Grand Register."

They have great reason to cherish the memory of the zealous Companions who successfully organized and maintained its existence. We congratulate our younger Sister Jurisdiction on the progress she has made and hope it may ever continue.

He made but four Grand Visitations.

No decisions were made. He, however, makes three recommendations, which doubtless are of value to this Jurisdiction; we give one:

"Many localities in this state have large and vigorous Blue Lodges with no attendant Chapter. I, therefore, recommend that this Grand Chapter choose a special committee to consider the advisability of taking steps to form Subordinate Chapters in such localities where, in their judgment, a healthy order could be maintained."

It seems to the writer that the less soliciting that is done for the establishment of new Chapters, the better. When necessity demands, the Companions will be quick to avail themselves of the opportunity.

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows the assets of the Grand Chapter to be six thousand five hundred seven and 22/100 dollars ($6507.22).

The report of the Grand Secretary shows the membership on December 31, 1914, to be seven hundred and sixty-three (763); a gain of thirty (30) during the year.

No report of the Committee on Correspondence was made for publication, for good and sufficient reasons.

The Grand Treasurer having removed from the Jurisdiction, the Grand High Priest appointed the Grand Secretary as Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.* We doubt the propriety of such action. With us no elective officer can hold two Stations, and it should be so the world over.

The first page contains an engraving of the retiring Grand High Priest.

M. E. Companion James Manoah Swetnam was elected Grand High Priest, and Companion George James Roskruge, Grand Secretary. They were installed.

W. B. M.

ARKANSAS.

The members of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Arkansas, met in their Sixty-fifth Annual Convocation, in the city of Little Rock, on Thursday, November 19, 1914.

Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at ten o'clock A. M., by M. E. Companion WILLIAM R. CHESTNUT, Grand High Priest. All Grand Officers were present; also nine Past Grand High Priests. Fifty-seven Subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Grand Representatives near the Grand Chapter of Arkansas were received with Grand Honors. Pennsylvania's Representative did not show up. Then followed the reception and welcome of M. E. Companion CHARLES N. RIX, General Grand Principal Sojourner of the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America.

M. E. Companion RIX responded in appropriate terms.

The address of the Grand High Priest is lengthy and of interest not only to Arkansas Companions, but a great portion of it to Royal Arch Masons generally. His introduction is as follows:

"Another Masonic year has passed into history. The work we have done awaits the inspection of the Master Overseer, and when at the end of life's journey inspection is made, may each of us hear the welcome plaudit, 'Well done, thou faithful servant; enter thou into the joys of thy Lord.'

"It seems to me no people on earth have more for which to be thankful than we. When we consider the fact that our sister republic across the Rio Grande is in a state of misery and poverty, and her hills and valleys have been drenched with blood from civil strife, when we cast our eyes across the broad Atlantic and behold the titanic struggle in which the nations of Europe are engaged, and think of the billions of wealth and thousands of human lives that are being sacrificed to the god of war, and view the fact that no plague, no pestilence, no famine, no foreign war nor civil strife has afflicted our country the past year, we should rejoice in our prosperity and give thanks to God for His goodness and mercy toward us."

He reports the Craft in his Jurisdiction to be in excellent condition; perfect harmony prevailing among the Subordinate Chapters and Companions, and that they are at peace with the Grand Chapters of the world.

Thirteen Dispensations for various purposes were granted; a goodly number. How would it do to try the experiment for one year of issuing Dispensations only for the filling of vacancies in offices occasioned by death or removal from the Jurisdiction?

Six Decisions were made; doubtless good law in his Jurisdiction. We differ on the question of physical disqualifications; we regard the ancient landmark, "A youth without maim or defect in his body," as the law in Masonry. Had the writer been present, he would have asked that the "sign of admiration" be given, for information. On the question of residence, he makes a Decision as follows:

"While I find nothing in the Edicts fixing a definite time of residence in this Jurisdiction, yet the blanks seem to indicate a residence of six months, and I will say that in my opinion, it will be in compliance with the spirit of the law to require a residence of six months. It seems to me that this is not too long a time to require the applicant to wait for the degrees. While his advancement to the Degree of Master Mason is a splendid recommendation, yet we require a Committee of Investigation on the character of an applicant for the Chapter Degrees, and I believe that six months' residence is not an undue length of time for an applicant to live in a community before a Chapter passes upon the fitness of the material sought to be worked."

A brother should be required to live, at least, six months within the Jurisdiction of a particular Chapter before applying for exaltation and membership in

the Chapter. It would require that time, at least, for the Companions to become acquainted with his character, etc., for advancement.

He made but few Visitations, six in number. Several recommendations were made, which will meet with general satisfaction, the most important being:

"To my mind the thing most needed to give life and energy to Capitular Masonry in Arkansas is that the membership have a thorough knowledge of the secret work of the various degrees. In order to attain that end, I believe that all of the Chapter Degrees should never be conferred on a candidate at one meeting, but that one degree only shall be conferred at a meeting without a special dispensation, and that the candidate shall pass a satisfactory examination in the degree conferred before advancement. When this is done, we will have a membership that will appreciate Royal Arch Masonry for its beauty, moral grandeur and real worth. We will have a membership that have not taken the degrees merely for the sake of being promoted over his Blue Lodge brother, and the Chapter will no longer be deemed valuable merely as a stepping stone to the higher degrees in Masonry. I recommend that we pass appropriate legislation in harmony with the views herein set forth.

"When we shall have adopted the recommendation in regard to conferring the degrees, we should take steps to dispense with the Rituals. In my opinion, so long as we retain the Rituals, just so long will we have a membership ignorant of the work."

He is approaching Pennsylvania's idea. The work should be communicated. The Committee on Jurisprudence sat down on his recommendations, but remember, the day will come when Rituals will be unknown.

The Grand Secretary's report shows the present membership to be forty-three thousand and fifty-one (43,051); an increase of seventy-five during the year.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence made a special report in reference to the recognition of the

Grand Chapter of Alberta, asking that it be deferred for the present.

The regular report of the Committee on Correspondence was presented by Companion Gordon Huffmaster, Chairman. We are pleased with the introduction, and quote a portion of it:

"Masonically, the year just closing has been an uneventful one. No discordant note has marred our upward, onward march to that high destiny whereunto we are sent. In other respects, the year has proven one of the most eventful in the world's history. While our garners filled to the eaves are bursting with plenty, and we dwell in the abiding sunshine of loving peacefulness under the full influence of the spirit of the Fatherhood of God and Brotherhood of Man, the nations of Europe are clinched and roll together in the blood and mire of a warfare that will change the map of that continent. Our Companions in foreign lands are freely offering their lives on the altars of their country, and the wail of the widow and orphan is unconfined. Let us cherish the hope that the white winged messenger bearing the olive branch of universal peace may swiftly subdue the contending forces, and that universal peace may ever reign supreme."

M. E. Companion Zuber N. Short was elected Grand High Priest, and R. E. Companion John G. Bone, Grand Secretary. The installation followed.

W. B. M.

CALIFORNIA.

The Masonic Fraternity of California has been most actively engaged during the present Masonic year, with the meetings of the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America, also the meeting of the General Grand Council, with their own Grand Chapter, which met in their Sixty-first Annual Con-

vocation, in the Masonic Temple, in San Francisco on Tuesday, April 15, 1915, at ten o'clock A. M., and was opened by M. E. Companion THOMAS OCHTREIGH HEYDENFELT, Grand High Priest, with all the Grand Officers present, except the Deputy Grand High Priest, who died February 8, 1915. Fourteen Past Grand High Priests, also Representatives of ninety-five Chapters and Delegates from two Chapters under dispensation were present. Eight Chapters failing to respond.

After opening, came the reception of the Grand Representatives, who were welcomed by the Grand High Priest as follows:

"Allow me to extend to you in the name of this Grand Chapter a most cordial welcome to this our Sixty-first Annual Convocation.

"You are the links that join this Grand Chapter with the Grand Chapters you severally represent, and you also are here as loyal members of this Grand Body willing to show by your presence your allegiance and devotion to the Capitular Rite.

"I shall now impose on you a task that I trust will be a pleasure. It is my earnest desire that, as soon as convenient, each one of you will communicate with the Grand High Priest of the Jurisdiction you represent and notify him of your presence at, and welcome to the Convocation, advise him of the cordial friendship existing in this Grand Jurisdiction for all Royal Arch Masons and convey to him the assurance on the part of this Grand Chapter that we earnestly hope that the fraternal and courteous relations now existing may continue to the end of time. Again I bid you a cordial welcome."

Then followed the welcome of the "earthquake and fire sufferers," after which distinguished visitors, Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers of various Masonic bodies of their own Jurisdiction, and of the Jurisdiction of Nevada, were heartily welcomed by the Grand High Priest, and saluted with the Honors.

The Grand High Priest read his address. The following is from the introduction:

"It is indeed an uplift to me to have the privilege of again meeting the Companions composing this body of representative Masons, who have seen fit to entrust me with the highest office within their gift.

"In token of my appreciation of this expression of your confidence, I desire to extend to you a most cordial welcome.

"We have for a time put aside the cares incident to our several vocations, and have convened at the appointed time and place, that we may render an account of our Stewardship, exchange fraternal greetings and transact such business as pertains to our Royal Craft.

"During the year, it has been my purpose to deal fairly and conscientiously with all Companions.

"I am happy to say that there has been a true fraternal spirit and kindly effort on the part of the Companions of this Jurisdiction working in harmony for the advancement of our Rite.

"The inevitable changes which accompany every phase of life have marked the progress of Capitular Masonry in California.

"The joys and sorrows, hopes and disappointments, struggles and achievements of the past year live only in records and memories of the past.

"Peace and prosperity exist throughout this Grand Jurisdiction, and those of our Sister Jurisdictions. No clouds have dimmed the sunshine of our Masonic labors.

"For all this and the kindly direction of an All-Seeing Father, in whom we place our trust, to Him, I return thanks for His many blessings bestowed upon us."

He constituted two new Chapters and made twenty-five Visitations.

But five Dispensations were issued, two being to form and open new Chapters.

The report of the Grand Secretary shows the present membership to be thirteen thousand four hundred and sixty-six (13,466), an increase of three hundred and forty-eight (348) during the year, and the total receipts to be twenty-one thousand four hun-

dred sixty-one and 99/100 dollars ($21,461.99) and the disbursements fourteen thousand eleven and 28/100 dollars ($14,011.28).

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows the total assets of the Grand Chapter to be seventy-six thousand one hundred ten and 1/100 dollars ($76,110.01). Sixty thousand dollars being stock in the new Masonic Temple.

The Grand Lecturer's report shows that he made ninety-three visits, one being to the Southern Masonic Home at Balboa. On a number of visits, Schools of Instruction were held. A remarkable occurrence in his visit to Long Beach Chapter No. 84 was the conferring of the Royal Arch Degree upon three generations, grandfather, father and son. We doubt if such an event has ever occurred in any other Chapter on the American Continent; of such importance was it regarded that an enlarged photograph of the officers and candidates present on the occasion was presented to the Grand Chapter.

The Grand Lecturer is the working man of the Grand Chapter; he virtually gives his entire time to the duties of his office. There is no excuse for ignorance on the part of the officers of any Chapter, his services are always at their command.

His actions met the approval of the Grand Chapter.

The degree of Mark Master Mason was exemplified by the Grand Lecturer and Deputies, and met

the approval of the Grand Officers and Companions present.

In the election of Grand Officers, E. Companion THOMAS ABRAHAM DAVIES was elected Grand Secretary to succeed his father, M. E. Companion WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, who, for so many years, filled the office with great honor. As a fitting conclusion to this election M. E. Companion WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES was elected Grand Secretary Emeritus, at a salary of six hundred dollars ($600) per annum. That is better than we can do, or perhaps better than we are willing to do.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was presented by the venerable M. E. Companion WILLIAM A. DAVIES. As usual, it is an able report. His introduction is as follows:

"Another year has rolled around and we again submit a review of all Proceedings received since our last 'Report.' We sincerely hope that those who read these pages may find something of interest in them, to the end that our labor has not been entirely lost. Old age is creeping upon us, and with it its accompanying infirmities, so that in a short time at best—but then, I have just remembered that little verse which reads:

" 'Don't worry about the future,
The present is all thou hast;
For the future will soon be present,
And the present will soon be past.' "

We take it for granted that our proceedings did not reach him, as we are not reviewed.

The first page contains a steel engraving of the retiring Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion THOMAS OCHTREIGH HEYDENFELT.

M. E. Companion William Henry Gaynor was elected Grand High Priest, and R. E. Companion Thomas Abraham Davies, Grand Secretary.

W. B. M.

CANADA.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada held their Fifty-seventh Annual Convocation in the city of London, on Wednesday, February 24, 1915.

Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at ten o'clock A. M., M. E. Companion Daniel F. MacWatt, Grand Z., presiding. A large number of Grand Officers were present; one hundred and eighteen (118) Chapters were represented.

After the Committee on Credentials had reported, a deputation of the three City Chapters presented an address of welcome to the Grand Chapter; this was followed by a deputation of the City Councils tendering a Civic Welcome to the Grand Chapter. We take it for granted that the deputation of City Councils was made up of Royal Arch Masons, or that Grand Chapter closed before their admission.

The Grand Z. presented his address, which is quite lengthy. It is an able and well-prepared address and covers the usual routine work of the Grand Z., and a full and carefully prepared report upon what he

terms the "Alberta revolt." It is well worth reading, and the average Royal Arch Mason will be fully convinced of the correctness of the position he takes: any other view would be in direct opposition to the position heretofore held by Grand Chapters. We quote an extract from his address on this subject:

"The whole point is, can Masonic territory, occupied as such by us for nearly fifty-eight years, and in the occupancy of which we have been recognized by all the Grand Chapters in the world for that period, be taken from us without leave or license by a few men composing a very small minority of the membership in the Province of Alberta?

"Can these men trespass on our Jurisdiction and violate all the principles of Masonic law and custom, as well as their solemn obligations? Out of eighteen Grand Chapters which have held their annual Convocations since last May not one has approved the action of the seceders by according them recognition."

He visited the Grand Chapter of New York and received a cordial welcome.

He issued four Dispensations for the formation of new Chapters, and a large number for other purposes. He sounds a warning in reference to the granting of Dispensations without sufficient reasons being given.

He again scores the delinquent Secretaries (Scribe E.) for failure to perform their duties, and suggests a remedy; the suspension of both the first Principal and Scribe E. This might be regarded as a drastic measure, but, from our knowledge, believe it would be a just one. One or two suspensions would bring results.

The reports of the Grand Superintendents are important features of the proceedings, and to our Canadian Companions of great value, in fact they are of interest to Masons generally.

The receipts of Grand Chapter as shown by the report of the Grand Scribe E., are ten thousand one hundred and seventy-five and 88/100 dollars ($10,175.88). It shows the present membership to be eighteen thousand eight hundred and eighty (18,880); they lost, through suspensions growing out of the Alberta trouble, five hundred and thirty-five (535).

The Grand Treasurer's report shows the total assets of the Grand Chapter to be thirty-nine thousand fifty-three and 86/100 dollars ($39,053.86).

The Report of the Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry is carefully prepared, embracing all important subjects of the Grand Chapter, touching especially "Mark and Degree Books" (all Grand Chapters have trouble in handling the perplexing questions of the Mark), and the Alberta question, suggesting as a solution of this vexed question, the following:

"The proper course would be for these Chapters and their Companions to resume their loyalty to this Grand Chapter and then come before it prepared to show that they represent the Chapters and Companions of Alberta—and also show their reasons for desiring to start a Grand Chapter in Alberta, and perhaps for the Western Provinces, if the other provinces desire to join with them."

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Companion GEORGE J. BENNETT. As usual, it is an able report. His opening and closing remarks are very appropriate. He gives Pennsylvania a five-page review. He, however, objects to Pennsylvania's position in reference to unaffiliated Craft Masons being eligible for the Chapter Degrees. He says that Canada does not regard non-affiliation as a Masonic offense, neither do we; but we do hold that an unaffiliated Craft Mason is not eligible for advancement and, further, that an unaffiliated Craft Mason, after a certain time, has not the right to visit a Chapter. The Grand High Priest of Delaware, in his annual address, makes the following recommendation: "That a Companion in this Jurisdiction, who has been granted a demit, remaining in the same locality and being unaffiliated for the period of one year, shall be denied the privilege of visiting any Chapter in this Jurisdiction." His recommendation was approved by the Committee on Grand High Priest's Address and also by the Grand Chapter. It seems there are others who look with disapproval on the unaffiliated.

The first page of the proceedings contains an engraving of the present Grand Z.

M. E. Companion WILLIAM S. R. MURCH was elected Grand Z., R. E. Companion GEORGE J. BENNETT re-elected Grand Scribe E. They were installed.

W. B. M.

COLORADO.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Colorado met in their Forty-first Annual Convocation on Thursday, September 23, 1915, in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Denver.

Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form*, at ten o'clock A. M., by M. E. Companion ANTHONY RIESNECKER, Grand High Priest, assisted by other Grand Officers. Representatives of forty-four Subordinate Chapters were present.

The Grand Representatives of Foreign Jurisdictions near this Grand Chapter were welcomed by the Grand High Priest, and responded to on behalf of the Grand Representatives by E. Companion ERNEST E. FORDHAM. We give his idea of advancing the interests of Freemasonry:

"It has seemed to us that Masonry might be greatly advanced by urging a greater degree of study of its teachings and precepts upon the Brethren in the Blue Lodges where the greatest membership exists, and this can be brought about by frequent lectures upon interesting topics of value to the fraternity; and it is the Chapter Mason who should suggest the subject, owing to the rich historical field of the Jewish past, with which he is more familiar: 'What was the Ark of the Covenant; of what was it constructed, and what was the meaning attached to its contents; how does the Jewish Bible differ from our Old Testament, if at all; how was it compiled, and from what source came the manuscript and how is it authenticated? A historical lecture on the two St. Johns who were Jews would be of interest, as would also their connection with the Fraternity. Why are the Chapter Degrees called Capitular? A lecture on King Solomon would afford information not only to our members, but to the lecturer as well. Even the reading of some of his proverbs would afford entertainment and impart wisdom. Surely a lecture on King Solomon's Temple would disclose something new to the auditors.' These lectures could be undertaken by some Past Master in each Lodge with profit to himself and to his confreres in the Lodge."

The difficulty we see in his plan is, who would be willing to give sufficient time and attention to any of the subjects suggested, to prepare an address that would command the attention of the audience?

The address of the Grand High Priest is brief, and is confined to matters that belong to Grand and Subordinate Chapters in his Jurisdiction.

But one Visitation was made. Ill health made more invitations impossible, but he commissioned several Grand Officers to attend to this duty.

Seven Dispensations were granted.

A question was submitted for decision. When a Companion becomes a member of a Chapter by affiliation, can he change his Mark? Reasons were given for the change. He referred it to the Committee on Jurisprudence, they answered it in the only way in which it could be answered, by referring to the ceremonies of the Mark Degree. Any Companion who gave any study or attention to the ceremonies of the Mark Master Degree, would never have asked the question.

The Committee on Necrology made their report, the closing paragraph is as follows:

"Many of our Subordinate Chapters have been called upon to part with truly beloved members and to them we extend our most sincere sympathy.

"To all who have been bereaved we may safely commend the example to those who have departed, well knowing the faith that was theirs—and

ours—and as the sun in the west marks the close of the day, at the same time it begins a new day farther on, and so we know that as the sun of life goes down on each Companion, it but opens another and brighter life—a glorious life in the haven of eternity, for—

"'There's a land that is fairer than day;
And by faith we may see it afar,
For the Father waits over the way,
To prepare us a dwelling place there.'"

The Grand Treasurer's report shows the assets of the Grand Chapter to be fourteen thousand eighty-two and 32/100 dollars ($14,082.32).

The Grand Secretary's report shows the present membership to be fifty-five hundred and thirty-four (5534); the gain during the year was two hundred and seven (207).

The Grand High Priest, after installation, delivered an address. One paragraph is of value to every Grand Chapter, hence we give it:

"This is one of the proudest days in my life in Capitular Masonry. You have conferred upon me the highest honor in your power to bestow and I assure you I appreciate it. I shall try to prove myself worthy if not well qualified. If my qualifications do not prove to be what they should be, it will be an error of judgment rather than of the heart. Capitular Masonry, you may say, is in my hands for the ensuing year. I say it is in the hands of every Capitular Mason in the State of Colorado. Your Grand High Priest can accomplish but little unless he is supported by all. In some communities we are strong and in numbers there is strength. In others we have but a few in our Chapters, and it is a great effort for those few to hold together Capitular Masonry. It is these that we want to encourage as well as the successful Chapters. We want to, during the coming year, visit every Chapter in the State. Whether our ambition will be gratified or not remains to be seen. I shall ask my officers to support me in my efforts. When I go into their section of the country I want their active support; I want them to hold up my hands in the support of Capitular

Masonry, and I believe I will get that support from my officers and not only the officers, but each and every individual member.

"Again thanking you for the honor you have bestowed upon me, I will desist from saying anything more at this time, but hope to meet you all in your own Tabernacles."

The report of the Committee on Correspondence was presented by M. E. Companion Ernest Le Neve Foster, Past Grand High Priest, it being his twenty-eighth annual report. He is the only one left of those who wrote reviews in 1883. Under the head of South Carolina he writes the following:

"Under New Hampshire we find an expression that suits us well; for years we have had a dislike to the terms 'lower and higher degrees,' for we agree with Companion Seward, who seems to have considered that it is preferable to say 'preceding degrees' and 'succeeding degrees,' for nothing can be higher than the degrees of Symbolic Masonry. However, they must precede all others."

We most heartily endorse his sentiments. Succeeding the Symbolic Degrees are the Capitular Degrees—what then in Ancient Masonry?

You are correct as to the number required to open a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. The following decision was made by Grand High Priest M. E. Companion Augustus R. Hall, in 1884.

"It requires three Royal Arch Masons to be present to open a Chapter. The degree cannot be conferred unless six Royal Arch Masons are present."

Pennsylvania receives a kindly review.

An engraving of the present Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion William A. Campbell, with a brief history of his life, is the introduction to the proceedings.

M. E. Companion WILLIAM A. CAMPBELL was elected Grand High Priest, and R. E. Companion CHARLES H. JACOBSON, Grand Secretary; both were installed.

W. B. M.

CONNECTICUT.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut met in their One Hundred and Seventeenth Annual Convocation, in the Masonic Temple, in the city of New Haven, on Tuesday, May 11, 1915.

Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* at ten o'clock A. M., by M. E. Companion HORACE W. EDDY, Grand High Priest; but one Grand Officer was absent; fifteen Past Grand High Priests and the Representatives of forty Chapters were present. Immediately after the opening, distinguished visitors of other Jurisdictions were received and welcomed with Grand Honors.

The Grand High Priests of New York and Rhode Island, accompanied by a number of their officers were present.

For the first time, the Grand Chapter was honored with a representative from the Grand Chapter of Canada, in the person of M. E. Companion ABRAM SHAW, Past Grand Z. Lastly came M. E. Companion BERNARD G. WITT, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

The Grand High Priest reviewed the proceedings of the year in a businesslike manner.

He visited the Grand Chapters of New York and New Jersey at their Annual Convocations, and was cordially and fraternally received. Ten visits were made to Subordinate Chapters. While serving as a Grand Officer, he has visited every Chapter in the Jurisdiction.

But one Dispensation was issued. If the issuing of Dispensations can be justified, this case would be proper.

Five Decisions were made, all of which would meet with general approval. He, however, changed one Decision in case of physical disability, the Brother had lost the entire thumb and the first and second fingers of the right hand to the second joint; he first decided he was ineligible for the Capitular Degrees, and he could not grant a Dispensation; after an interview he was satisfied he could fulfill the requirements and gave permission to receive his petition. The following, from the Constitution of the Freemasons, printed in London in 1723, reproduced in fac-simile by our Grand Lodge:

"That no Master should take an apprentice unless he has sufficient employment for him, and unless he be a youth having no maim or defect in his body."

Pretty good authority.

On the subject of Rituals, he ordered a hundred copies. Why a Ritual?

In concluding he expresses his appreciation of the courtesies which have been extended to him, and relinquishes his Station with some degree of regret.

The reports of the Right Excellent Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe show their visits to Subordinate Chapters and the prosperity of Capitular Masonry.

The assets of the Grand Chapter, as shown by the report of the Grand Treasurer, are forty-eight hundred thirty and 96/100 dollars ($4830.96).

The membership, according to the Grand Secretary's report, is ninety-four hundred and seventy-nine (9479); a gain of one hundred and forty-eight (148) during the year.

The report of the Committee on Jurisprudence declined to recognize the Grand Chapter of Alberta at the present time. They approve the decisions of the Grand High Priest.

The proceedings contain an engraving of the retiring Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion Horace W. Eddy.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence was, as usual, prepared by Past Grand High Priest Companion George A. Kies. It is a valuable addition to Masonic literature. We receive a complimentary review. He is astounded at the action of

the Grand High Priest on the subject of notices. He will have to continue so; all Subordinate Chapters send notices of meetings and will continue to do so without exposing the secrecy of the ballot, or violating any ancient requirement.

The officers elected were: M. E. Companion HARRY S. PEARSONS, Grand High Priest, and R. E. Companion JAMES MCCORMICK, re-elected Grand Secretary. We can find no evidence of their installation.

W. B. M.

DELAWARE.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Delaware met in their Forty-seventh Annual Convocation in the Masonic Temple of the city of Wilmington, on January 20, 1915.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest Companion ALEXANDER J. TAYLOR, opened Grand Chapter at ten o'clock A. M., the only vacancy in Grand Officers being that of Grand Secretary, death having claimed that much beloved officer on December 12, 1914. Representatives of all Chapters of the Jurisdiction were present.

Distinguished visitors were present:

M. E. HENRY DE WITT HAMILTON, G. G. M. Second Vail, of the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

M. E. Alfred A. Adams, Deputy Grand High Priest, of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of New York.

M. E. Henry S. Haines, Past Grand High Priest, of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of New Jersey.

These distinguished visitors were announced in waiting and were escorted into the Grand Chapter by R. E. Harry R. Cremer, Grand Captain of the Host, and welcomed by the M. E. Grand High Priest, Alexander J. Taylor, and the Grand Officers, with all the honors due their exalted rank and invited to seats in the East.

The Grand High Priest's address is lengthy and along the usual lines, recording his actions during the year.

He announced the death of three distinguished Masons of his own Jurisdiction during the year: M. E. Companion Jacob F. Myrich, Grand High Priest in 1877; R. E. Companion Enoch Moore, Deputy Grand High Priest in 1890, and R. E. Companion James H. Price, Grand Secretary from 1887 to his death. After announcing the dead of his own and Sister Jurisdictions, the usual ceremony of prayer by the Grand Chapter was observed.

Harmony prevails in the Jurisdiction; a determined effort was made to enforce uniformity

and proficiency in conferring the Degrees, with apparent success. He ordered that all frills and fads that had crept into the work, must be abandoned. This was certainly a righteous act. The work as adopted by Grand Chapter should be adhered to, without adding to or taking from the work.

He speaks in glowing terms of the courtesies extended to him in September, 1914, by M. E. Companion GEORGE B. WELLS, Grand High Priest. He learned what is known to every Pennsylvania Mason, that Grand High Priest WELLS, as an entertainer, is without a peer.

He sat down on the unaffiliated Mason in strong terms. We give his own language:

"Only one question has been referred to me for decision. The facts in the case are these: One of the Companions of Delta Chapter, about ten years ago, being in good standing, applied for and was granted a demit, on account of his profession requiring him to reside in another locality. There not being any Chapter in the vicinity of his new home, he remained unaffiliated. He returned within the jurisdiction of Delta Chapter several years ago and absorbed in the pursuit of his vocation neglected to deposit his demit and rejoin his former Chapter. He accepted an invitation to attend the recent Annual Convocation of Delta Chapter (the invitation being given and received hastily and without due thought and investigation), where he was denied admission after the matter had been referred to me as to what action should be taken. I decided this very reluctantly for the Companion is a man whom I admire and whom I and the Companions present would have liked to have join in our deliberations and festivities. Apparently there is not any law upon the subject, either in the Constitution and Standing Resolutions of the Grand Chapter or in the Constitution and By-laws of Delta Chapter. My thought in the matter is this: A Chapter cannot exist without proper financial support and what is permissible for one member necessarily is allowable for all. If a Companion after being granted a demit can attend one or all Convocations of his Chapter for an indefinite period thus securing the benefits available without payment of

dues, all or even a majority of the Companions have the same privilege and the Body must cease to exist. There should be some definite ruling by the Grand Chapter, on this point to avoid misunderstandings of this character in the future and I would recommend that we resolve, 'That a Companion in this Jurisdiction, who has been granted a demit, remaining in the same locality and being unaffiliated for the period of one year shall be denied the privilege of visiting any Chapter in this Jurisdiction.' ''

The Committee on Grand High Priest's Address favored the suggestion of the Grand High Priest, and in the report offered the following resolution:

''On motion, Recommendation No. 4, in regard to Companions who demit from their Chapters and remain in this Jurisdiction, was unanimously approved.''

The resolution was adopted by the Grand Chapter and is now the law of Delaware.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows a balance on hand of three hundred thirty and 49/100 dollars ($330.49).

The Grand Secretary's report shows the present membership to be eleven hundred and sixty-nine (1169); an increase of twenty-five during the year. The report was prepared by the Acting Grand Secretary, M. E. Companion Stuart J. Horn, Past Grand High Priest.

His appointment was a merited compliment to one of the many distinguished Companions of Delaware; his election necessarily followed. He will prove a worthy successor to the lamented Companion James H. Price.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence declined to recommend the recognition of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, until such time as no objection exists on the part of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

On opening the proceedings, you are greeted with an engraving of the retiring Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion ALEXANDER J. TAYLOR.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was again prepared by Companion VIRGINIUS V. HARRISON. It is well prepared; I congratulate the Companion. We are accorded a friendly review.

M. E. Companion ASA BENNETT was elected Grand High Priest, and Past Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion STUART J. HORN, Secretary; installation followed.

W. B. M.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

The Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia held three Special Convocations during the year; the first on February 25, 1914, for the purpose of constituting Mount Pleasant Chapter No. 13; the second on April 11, 1914, for the purpose of attending the funeral of Past Grand High Priest FRANK L. CAMPBELL; the third on November 29th, for attending the funeral of R. E. Companion WILLIAM HENRY WUNDER, Grand Scribe, who died on November 26, 1914.

The Forty-eighth Annual Convocation was held in the Masonic Temple on Wednesday, February 10, 1915. Grand Chapter was opened at seven o'clock P. M., by M. E. Companion WALTER B. PETTUS, Grand High Priest. There was a vacant Station, death having claimed the Grand Scribe. All Subordinate Chapters were represented.

A cordial welcome was extended to M. E. Companion GEORGE E. CORSON, Deputy General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter. Fraternal greetings were extended to Past Grand High Priests M. E. Companion JAMES FABLE of Maryland, and M. E. Companion MILTON J. HULL. M. E. Companion FRANKLIN P. MASON (now deceased), Representative of the Grand Chapter near the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, was introduced and cordially welcomed.

The Grand High Priest's address is lengthy, carefully prepared and readable.

In referring to "Our Dead", he closes with the following verse:

> "To die! Why 'tis to live; 'tis to join
> The great assembly of the good and just,
> Made perfect by their sufferings. 'Tis to meet
> Those we've known and loved and lost below."

Only four Dispensations were granted, one of them for the formation of a new Chapter.

In speaking of the condition of the order, he uses the following language:

"Companions, I regret to report to you that our constituent Chapters, with the exception of three, have not prospered during the past year as they should and as they deserved to prosper. There has been a slight aggregate loss in membership in the Jurisdiction. I am pleased to note, however, that, while not prospering in numerical strength, their financial resources have shown a healthy increase over the aggregate as set forth last year. Tables giving in detail the casualties in membership and the assets of each Chapter, including the cash balance of each at the end of the year, will be published in our Proceedings.

"This unfortunate condition—a loss of members in most of our Chapters and a slight decrease in the Jurisdiction from the aggregate membership of last year—may be in part due to the zeal of certain of our Brethren who are members of another society having no connection with the orders of Masonry. It is said that much canvassing for members of that society has been made among the Master Masons of the Jurisdiction and with considerable success. It is but justice to our Companions of the Royal Craft to say that these zealous brethren in behalf of the society referred to do not know or do not appreciate the injury inadvertently done to the young Master Mason in thus deflecting his interest in Ancient Craft Masonry."

Further comment is unnecessary, as he covers the ground fully.

His Visitations are best shown by quoting his own language:

"It has been my personal pleasure during the year to visit each Chapter in the Jurisdiction informally at least twice. On nearly every one of these visits I witnessed the work of conferring one or more degrees, and on many of these occasions I have had the pleasure of meeting our excellent Grand Visitor and Lecturer, Companion Orville Drown, whose untiring zeal in imparting to the officers engaged the instructions that seemed necessary to that degree of good work required by him in rendering the ritual, is worthy of the highest commendation."

We feel justified in quoting his conclusion:

"My official career in this Grand Chapter is at an end, and I want to express to you my gratitude for the uniform kindness and courtesy extended to me on all occasions. I have tried to fulfill my obligation to you and my most cherished ideal promised you when I took up the gavel of authority.

"The year has been an uneventful one in this Jurisdiction in the sense that nothing has occurred to disturb the peace and good fellowship and harmony of the Chapters and of the Companions. No dissensions or rivalries have arisen 'within our gates' so far as I am aware, save 'that noble contention, or rather emulation, of who can best work and best agree.'

"But, my Companions, we stand today and gaze in horror upon the enactment of the greatest tragedy of all time—the unutterably cruel and devastative war in Europe. We stand helplessly, longing and praying that some merciful agency will draw the curtain; that nations now engaged in deadly strife, in the 'last argument of kings,' may very soon see the necessity of peace within their respective governments, and that other means of settling disputes among the nations, and of policing their several geographical boundaries may be adopted by each of them. We earnestly pray that long ere another New Year dawns upon the earth peace universal and lasting will rule the affairs of all the nations and all the peoples of the world.

"Peace in the quiet dales
Made rankly fertile by the blood of men;
Peace in the woodland and the lonely glen,
Peace in the peopled vales.

"Peace in the whirring marts,
Peace where the scholar thinks, the hunter roams,
Peace, God of Peace, peace in all our homes,
Peace in all our hearts."

All will endorse the closing paragraph.

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows a balance on hand of forty-four hundred and 61/100 dollars ($4400.61).

The Grand Secretary's report shows the receipts and disbursements of the Grand Chapter, also that the present membership is thirty-five hundred and eighty (3580); a loss of twenty-four during the year. Don't be discouraged, the present condition of things will change and you will have prosperity; remember, the lean and fat come together.

The Committee on Jurisprudence declined to recommend the recognition of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, but that it be held over until the next Annual Convocation.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence was prepared by Companion Roe Fulkerson. It is certainly a readable report, replete with humor, yet complete. We are so pleased with it that we give his introduction:

"While we were in college we learned to play football and poker; to roll a cigarette with one hand and to tie an ascot tie. While accumulating this useful information we also learned that the ancient Greeks had among their gods one who was considered the most crafty of the bunch, and his name was Sisyphus. Poor old Sis., however, was condemned by the gods to spend an eternity rolling a stone up a hill which was endless.

"The work of the Capitular reviewer is not unlike this task of Sisyphus. He writes 'Finis,' then he must grab another sheet and write 'Introduction'; as his right hand lays down Wyoming his Grand Secretary hands him next year's Alabama!

"What follow are the things we have dug out of about 20,000 pages of Capitular literature, much of it dry statistics, much of it hot air, and much of it page after page of names which look like the delinquent tax list in a morning paper. Yet in all this there were many things of interest to the Craft, grain that was concealed in the chaff, and this we have tried to winnow for the Companions of this Jurisdiction. If we have succeeded you will read the following pages; if we have not you will lay the report aside and it will not matter anyway, so without apology or vanity we lay it before you."

It would not be complete without his conclusion:

"As we close the last proof sheet of this report all else is drowned in the clamor of War! War! War! The whole of Europe is engaged in a Titanic struggle which is making history and misery.

"We are living in an age of curious contradictions in our own country.

"Warring political factions have throttled great business enterprises and raised the cost of living to a point where the cry for bread which goes up from the poor is mingled with their curses of the rich.

"Warring sects in religion are tearing at each others' throats and fighting in the name of God. The road onward and upward toward the feet of the Almighty is being obliterated by the struggling footsteps and innumerable bypaths of contrary creeds.

"Capital oppresses Labor until with red flag and torch in hand it paints the midnight skies with lurid glow from burning industries ravished in its rage.

"Labor binds the hands of Capital until withdrawing its bags of gold it paralyzes our commerce and turns our cities, where God's creatures should dwell together in amity, into raging hells where Vice and Want lurk in the alleys and Poverty clutches with gaunt and rheumatic twisted fingers at the throats of women and children.

"Such conditions in Europe have caused to stalk across the land the grim-visaged spectre of War.

"Conceived in passion, envy, hatred and greed; born in the hearts of men who sought power; with a genealogy whose every page drips with the blood of murdered innocence, War has marched, iron-shod, over the gray hairs of age, the helplessness of infancy and the sacredness of virtue.

"Want and Misery have followed in its path and Pestilence has trailed ghost-like in its wake and completed the destruction.

"But the Supreme Architect of the Universe in His infinite wisdom has made war in this country impossible.

"Here we are in the golden age of fraternalism.

"In every hamlet and village in our land has been set up the sacred altars of Freemasonry. From ice-bound Alaska to where the summer zephyrs sweep the glittering sands of Florida, around these holy altars men are learning the lesson of a common morality and a common undenominational God.

"Here are inculcated charity, obedience to the law, the universal brotherhood of man and the fatherhood of God.

"Warring politicians here meet in peace and the warm handclasp of brotherly love supplants the clinched fist of strife.

"Here Jew and Gentile kneel at the same altar and raise their eyes in adoration to one God.

"Here the soft, white hand of Capital warmly clasps the horny palm of Labor and the business magnate is on a level with the humblest clerk.

"Throughout all our body politic with its ills and strife pulsates the rich red blood of Masonry; joining us in one indissoluble army, battling for peace and for the uplift of mankind.

"Masonry is the little leaven which ever has and ever will leaven the whole loaf of our American civilization.

"When Famine, hollow cheeked, or devastating Flood, descends upon our land leaving desolation and misery in their wake, these banded brethren are first to heed the call for help.

"Father of the fatherless, friend of the needy, helper of the helpless, they stand with open hand outstretched to greet the world in time of greatest need.

"Built on a foundation of morality and truthfulness which is as old as the eternal hills themselves, the waves of war and strife may dash themselves against it in vain.

"And an all-wise and all-kind God looks down on them from His great white throne above and smiles his most kindly smile."

We are accorded a pleasant review.

The officers elected and installed were: M. E. Companion LEM TOWERS, JR., Grand High Priest, and R. E. Companion ARVINE W. JOHNSTON, re-elected Grand Secretary.

W. B. M.

ENGLAND.

The proceedings of the Quarterly Convocations of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England, of February 3, May 5, and August 4, 1915, have been received.

Each meeting of the Grand Chapter was opened in *Ancient and Solemn Form,* by M. E. Companion, Rt. Hon. THOMAS FREDERICK HALSEY, P. C., Second Grand Principal, as First Grand Principal, with the other Grand Officers present. At each meeting the Minutes of the preceding Quarterly Convocation were read and confirmed.

At the Quarterly Convocation, February 3rd, the only business transacted was the receiving of the re-

port of the Committee on General Purposes, and approving their recommendations.

At the Quarterly Convocation held on May 5th, the officers for the ensuing year were declared and appointed. The report of the Committee on General Purposes was presented and confirmed. At the close of Grand Chapter, the first verse of the National Anthem was sung.

At the Quarterly Convocation held August 4th, the report of the Committee on General Purposes was confirmed.

Several Amendments to the Royal Arch Regulations, in reference to the precedence of Grand Officers in Grand Chapter, were presented and adopted.

The European War naturally unsettled the conditions existing in the several countries involved; even Masonry has been affected in England, as is indicated by the following:

"E. Comp. J. V. Vesey FitzGerald, K. C.: Most Excellent, I have further to move a resolution which is to bring Grand Chapter into harmony with what has been done in Grand Lodge with regard to Masons who are of alien enemy birth. It is as follows:

" 'That in order to prevent the peace and harmony of Royal Arch Masonry being disturbed it is necessary that all Companions of German, Austrian, Hungarian or Turkish birth should not during the continuance of the War attend any meeting of Grand Chapter or of a Provincial or District Grand Chapter or of a Private Chapter or any other Masonic Meeting in connection with Royal Arch Masonry and that such Companions be and they are hereby required by Grand Chapter to abstain from such attendance, and that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Scribe E. of every Chapter.'

"The motion was seconded by E. Comp. Charles F. Quicke and carried unanimously."

At the close of Grand Chapter, their loyalty and patriotism was again manifested by the singing of the first verse of the National Anthem.

W. B. M.

ENGLAND AND WALES.

Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, held their Quarterly Communications September 1, and December 1, 1914; March 2, and June 1, 1915.

R. W., R. Loveland Loveland, K. C., Deputy Grand Master, presided at each meeting, with a full corps of officers.

At the Quarterly Communication held September 1, 1914, the Acting Grand Master addressed Grand Lodge as follows:

"The Acting Grand Master: Brethren, we are assembled here together today because our Rules and Regulations so enact that we shall meet on this particular day; but I am sure you will agree with me that our thoughts are far distant: We are plunged into what I suppose is the greatest war that any living man has seen, and it is on behalf of those grand soldiers and sailors, and of the Allies, that I am going to ask your sympathy tonight. Tomorrow a similar proposition will be made at Grand Lodge next door, but although they have very large funds at their disposal, and no doubt will give very handsomely to the funds to which I shall call your attention presently, we felt that although the Mark Degree is comparatively small as compared with the Craft, still we ought to do something for those grand soldiers and sailors who are now defending our shores. We have been driven into this terrible European war, and I think you will agree with me that no Britisher could ever have looked another in the face if we had acceded to the request—or rather the suggestions—which were made to us. We have had to support that brave

and valiant little country, Belgium, which has suffered enormous losses both in her army, and also in her towns and people. It was only a few days ago that their university, which is similar to our Oxford, was reduced to ashes. It is on behalf of our Allies as well as our own valiant soldiers that I ask you to pass the resolution which I shall have the honor to propose. We as members of the Craft have received application from headquarters to assist these funds, and I do not ask you individually to send your donations to them, although they will be accepted with a great deal of pleasure, but I do ask you to allow us to take from Grand Lodge funds certain sums which our Treasurer says we can afford; it is a small sum, but it will show our hearty sympathy, and in concluding these few remarks I am sure you will agree with me that we all pray the G. O. O. U. that He will give us victory, and will take our poor sick and wounded soldiers home to Him. The resolution I propose is:

"'That this Grand Lodge expresses its deep appreciation of the loyal and devoted service now being rendered by our soldiers and sailors (including Brethren of all ranks in the Order) and its earnest prayer for their continued well-being.

"'It likewise expresses its high admiration of the splendid defence and gallantry, in co-operation with our troops, of our Allies, and especially the heroic sacrifices made by the Belgian army and people.'"

A resolution was adopted providing in cases where officers in either the Army or Navy, who were elected as Master but not installed, that the General Board shall have power to confirm them in the rank of Past Master and membership in the Grand Lodge; a peculiar arrangement, but doubtless Grand Lodge felt justified in so doing.

The report of the General Board was presented and entered on the Minutes. The Forty-sixth Annual Festival, Fund of Benevolence, realized the sum of £3,126 14*s.* 6*d.*

The Acting Grand Master requested the Brethren, after closing Grand Lodge, to remain while the National Anthem was sung.

At the Quarterly Communication held December 1, 1914, His Royal Highness, the DUKE OF CONNAUGHT AND STRADBROKE, was again nominated as Most Worshipful Grand Master, and Brother ERNEST CLARKE, M. D., B. S., F. R. C. S., was nominated as Grand Treasurer.

The report of the General Board was presented and entered on the Minutes.

At the Quarterly Communication held March 2, 1915, the DUKE OF CONNAUGHT AND STRATHEARN, was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master, and his election proclaimed, and Brother ERNEST CLARKE was elected Grand Treasurer.

A request was made by the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, in behalf of certain Companions of Glenlyon Royal Arch Chapter No. 62, of Jamaica, to have the Degree of Installed Master conferred upon them; being a question of great importance, was referred to the Grand Registrar, who reviews the question very carefully in a lengthy report; his finding is:

"The Supreme Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland has adopted the Ceremony of Installation of Worshipful Master as used by this Grand Lodge, in accordance with the following resolution unanimously carried 7th March, 1894: That the degree of Installed Master in the Mark Degree shall be conferred only upon the Principal Z. and Past Principals Z. of Royal Arch Chapters, and the Masters and Past Masters of Mark Master Lodges holding a separate warrant from the Supreme Grand Chapter; and the names of all Principals Z. and Masters of Mark Master Lodges so installed shall be transmitted to the Grand Scribe E. for registration on the books of the Supreme Grand Chapter; and they shall be supplied with a diploma on payment of the prescribed fee."

We can readily see the difficulty of two Grand Bodies claiming authority in the same Jurisdiction; better give the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland exclusive Jurisdiction in Jamaica.

The report of the General Board was received and entered on the Minutes.

At the Quarterly Communication held June 1, 1915, they succeeded in having the Most Worshipful Grand Master installed.

We give the ceremony:

"The R. W. Deputy Grand Master: The next business is the installation of the Most Worshipful Grand Master. That I declare to have taken place, and I call upon the Grand Director of Ceremonies to proclaim His Royal Highness."

Orders were obeyed and proclamation made; that is their method; it would not do in Pennsylvania.

The Earl of Stradbroke was reappointed as Pro. Grand Master, and Brother Richard Loveland Loveland, as Deputy Grand Master; both were proclaimed.

The report of the General Board was received and entered upon the Minutes. Much of great importance to the Grand Lodge is acted upon by this Board, careful consideration is given to every matter submitted to them, and their report always meets with the approval of Grand Lodge.

The report of the Benevolent Fund shows that a large sum is distributed for charity.

W. B. M.

FLORIDA.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida assembled in its Sixty-ninth Annual Convocation in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Jacksonville, at ten o'clock A. M., Tuesday, May 18, A. D. 1915, A. I. 2445.

After roll call, and the announcement of Committees, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion JOHN M. CALDWELL, read his address, reciting his doings throughout the year. He announces the death of our beloved Companions WINFIELD SCOTT BELL, Most Excellent Grand King, and SAMUEL LAUGHLIN, Most Excellent Grand Scribe. We note that under Dispensations he permitted a Chapter to receive and act upon petitions the same evening, and two other Chapters to hold public installation of officers. Pennsylvania does not permit either. Dispensations were granted a number of Companions in two instances to organize Chapters under Dispensation. Two new Chapters were also constituted. The interest in the Capitular Degrees in Florida seems to be in keeping with the lessons taught in them.

His decisions as to dues of members applying for a demit and suspended members are clearly just. He records the following query and answer:

"Is a Master Mason in good standing, who has lost a leg since becoming a Master Mason, eligible to receive the Chapter degrees?

"Under our present laws and regulations it was very reluctantly decided, 'NO'. The Grand High Priest then felt sure, and is of the same

opinion still, that our regulation on this point, which is the Grand Lodge Regulation and becomes ours by virtue of Article VII of our Constitution, is based on a misapprehension of the term 'perfect man'. This decision is specially commended to the consideration of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence with the hope that a Resolution may be adopted whereby this question may be answered in the affirmative.''

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence reported on the above as follows: "Physical perfection is not required in a candidate for degrees in a Chapter. The question of physical qualification is to be determined by each particular Chapter." The Grand Chapter approved this recommendation of the Committee.

The Grand High Priest made a number of Official Visitations and reports that "all were found to be in good condition in every respect and their members zealous and enthusiastic in the cause of Capitular Masonry."

We take the following paragraph from the conclusion of his address:

''Our future is radiant with 'the bow of promise'. We have a goodly land; Heaven-blessed and sun kissed, the Israelites in the wilderness might have longed for it without doing injustice to Canaan. Here pure waters gush forth from rock and valley and hill; the fragrance of countless flowers fill the earth with sweet perfume; the large odorous flowers of our magnolias 'appear like stars in a firmament of green': our delicious citrus fruits are everywhere, hanging like golden globes in emerald bowers; our numerous rivers 'on their clear winding way to the sea,' are a feast to a poet's eye and a joy to a fisherman's heart; our many lakes varying in size from tiny pools to inland seas, from which the beauty of the sunshine and the glory of the stars are constantly reflected, are priceless jewels of our possession.''

M. E. Companion Caldwell makes us feel like wanting to live in Florida.

The Grand Secretary, M. E. Companion W. P. Webster, Past Grand High Priest, reports receipts amounting to $2758.60, which he paid to the Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Treasurer, M. E. Companion Marcus Endel, Past Grand High Priest, reports a balance on hand at the close of Grand Chapter of $8651.06, $2500 of which is invested in Grand Lodge securities.

There is no review of the proceedings of other Grand Chapters.

Will C. Andress, Grand High Priest, Jacksonville.

Wilber R. Webster, Grand Secretary, Jacksonville.

A. G. C. S.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

The Thirty-sixth Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America convened at the Masonic Temple, in the city of San Francisco, California, beginning on Wednesday, September 1, 1915, at eleven o'clock A. M.

Previous to the opening ceremonies, the Grand Chapter of California met in Special Convocation

for the purpose of receiving and welcoming the officers and members of the General Grand Chapter, when M. E. Companion WILLIAM H. GAYNOR, Grand High Priest, extended a most cordial welcome, which was responded to in fitting terms by M. E. Companion BERNARD G. WITT, General Grand High Priest. In speaking of their hospitality he said:

"But we enjoy it and don't intend to turn down any of it and we hope to make our sessions as short as possible to put in all the time at our disposal in the enjoyment of the hospitality of the Grand Chapter of California. (Applause.)"

The General Grand High Priest's address contains much of interest. Among other things, it shows an invested fund of $25,000. He issued a number of Dispensations and gave a number of Decisions. On the subject of the Ritual, he writes:

"In my visits to the various Grand Chapters, I find that there is great lack of uniformity in conferring the degrees and these differences frequently extend to the essentials required by the General Grand Chapter. I find also differences in the readings of the Ritual promulgated by the General Grand Chapter in some of the Grand Chapters, which have adopted the Ritual. Many verbal changes were made at the Convocation in 1912, and I have placed in the hands of the Companion, whom I will appoint Chairman of the Committee on Ritual at this Convocation, a Memorial from the Grand Chapter of Iowa asking for numerous other changes of a like character, many of which will doubtless be adopted. The Committee will report on this Memorial."

He made quite a number of visits to Grand Chapters in all parts of the United States, and reports a cordial welcome everywhere. Much of his report is taken up with a presentation of a difficulty which has arisen with the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter

of Scotland relative to chartering a Chapter in the city of Manila, Philippine Islands, and the "recalcitrant sister of Texas."

We quote one of his closing paragraphs in full:

"While it has been at the sacrifice of quite a good deal of the time of a busy man, yet, I assure you that it has been a labor of love and the reward for it all has come in the doing of it. My effort has been to do good work, true work, square work, and as you apply to it the square of your wisdom and experience I trust that some parts of it at least may be found worthy of an honored place in the Temple which we are building."

The proceedings contain a full-page fac-simile of the Masonic records of Fredericksburg Lodge, showing the oldest extant record in the world of the Royal Arch Degree.

The following recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence was approved:

"Inasmuch as the Grand Chapter of Scotland has invaded our Jurisdiction and for years has refused to make just reparation in the premises, and its officers question our authority in the premises, we recommend that all fraternal relations with the Grand Chapter of Scotland be severed and recognition of said Body be refused until such time as they recognize the Jurisdiction of this General Grand Body over the territory in question, and also take proper steps to rectify the wrong they have done in invading our territory."

With reference to Texas the same Committee made the following recommendation, which was approved:

"Your Committee would therefore recommend that the General Grand High Priest appoint a Committee of Three to attend one of the Annual Grand Convocations of the Grand Chapter of Texas with earnest hope that all differences, if there be such, may be healed."

The members of the Committee on Ritual evidently did not agree, as a minority report was presented relating to the reading of the keystone.

The proceedings contain a steel portrait and interesting biographical sketch of M. E. Companion BERNARD G. WITT, General Grand High Priest.

The Thirty-seventh Triennial Convocation will be held in Washington, D. C., beginning October 2, 1918.

GEORGE E. CORSON, General Grand High Priest, Washington, D. C.

CHARLES A. CONOVER, General Grand Secretary, Coldwater, Mich.

A. G. C. S.

GEORGIA.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Georgia met in the Ninety-third Annual Convention, in the Convention Hall of Hotel Dempsey, in the city of Macon, at ten o'clock A. M., Wednesday, April 28, A. D. 1915, A. I. 2445, and was opened in *Ample Form,* and with prayer by the Rev. W. A. SIMMONS, Grand Chaplain.

In his annual report M. E. Companion FRANK O. MILLER, Grand High Priest, speaks at length of Masonry and its teachings. We would like to give all the address, but must be satisfied with the following paragraphs:

"It has continued to prepare the minds of men to live together as a band of brothers, looking for superior blessings from Him who brought it into being.

"God's benevolence to man caused him to institute Masonry, and in humble gratitude to its great Founder, Masonry ever has and ever will continue to teach benevolence to all mankind.

"Masonry has ever taught morality and virtue, brotherly love, relief and truth.

"Masonry being an institution for the good of all mankind, could not teach creeds. It has ever had one faith and one doctrine, love to God and man. While it teaches no sectarian theory, it significantly points to the worship of that Holy King, whose fiat spoke worlds into being, and whose infinite goodness pleads with fallen man.

"Masonry irresistibly leads its votaries to scan the far off Heavens and bow the knee in humble adoration to Him who sits enthroned higher than the Heavens, and more glorious than the congregated glory of worlds.

"Masonry requires that all of its members shall believe in one Supreme Immaculate God, and requiring this, it of necessity encourages all to seek an intimate acquaintance with, and obedience to His laws, hence the Holy Bible, which contains those laws, is always open in the Lodge room. No degrees in Masonry can be legally conferred without it.

"Masonry requires it votaries to practice morality and brotherly love. It teaches benevolence and charity, it requires temperance, fortitude, prudence and justice."

In his report on Necrology he notes the death of our much loved M. E. Companion WINFIELD SCOTT BELL, Grand King.

He reports forty Dispensations granted, which is a little over half the number granted by his predecessor.

He was called upon to make thirteen decisions, two of which together with a part of the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence we submit without comment:

"(2) Is a Brother eligible for the Chapter Degrees who has lost his little finger, two joints of two middle fingers and a part of second joint of the index finger of the left hand?"

Answer.—"The loss of a little finger, two joints of middle fingers and part of index finger on left hand would not bar a Brother from taking Chapter Degrees."

"(8) An applicant is a cripple, but has excellent use of his artificial limb. He took the first two degrees in the Blue Lodge, then had an accident on a motorcycle, but later took the Third Degree, and is now anxious to take the Chapter Degrees. Is he eligible?"

Answer.—"No candidate can be admitted in any Chapter in this Jurisdiction who is blind, deformed, maimed, or imperfect in his limbs, etc. See page 21, Article 89 of Code 1907."

Committee on Jurisprudence:

"We further recommend that all of his decisions construing the law of this Grand Jurisdiction be approved.

"However, we desire to call special attention to Decision No. 2. At the time this decision was rendered, our new Code had not been promulgated and while our Grand High Priest was correct in his interpretation of the old law, this decision is not in harmony with the Code of 1914, and such candidate is now ineligible to receive the degrees of Capitular Masonry."

Grand High Priest MILLER reports three Chapters constituted and two resuscitated.

He speaks thus of the services of the Grand Lecturer, Companion E. A. McHAN:

"The Grand Chapter is to be congratulated on the excellent work that is being done by our Grand Lecturer. He is certainly the right man in the right place. It has been my good fortune to be with the Grand Lecturer on several occasions, and to witness the work he does in conferring the degrees. He is thoroughly familiar with all the degrees, does fine work in this respect, and his explanatory lectures are as fine as I have ever heard. He certainly has a proper conception, not only of the secret work, but a true idea of Capitular Masonry. He impresses the candidate with the ideas to be conveyed, the lessons to be taught. Any Chapter is fortunate to have him confer and explain the degrees. Unfortunately, many of the Chapters do not seem to appreciate the advantages to be derived from his instruction. It seems that it is too often the case that there is a disposition on the part of some of the Chapters to find some excuse to not have him with them. He has written numbers and numbers of letters to the different Chapters offering his services, and in a great many instances, is unable to get a reply to these letters."

The Grand Lecturer's report is quite complete and the first paragraph gives some idea of the interest in Capitular Masonry in Georgia:

"A careful compilation shows that during the past year about one-third of the Chapters in the State met regularly, one-third occasionally and one-third seldom ever met without it was when I was with them. Those who met regularly were naturally best posted in the Ritualistic work and had more or less work to do all along through the year; some of those who only met occasionally have some members who are fairly well posted, and by calling in help, have done more or less work; while the latter class have exalted quite a number with the assistance that I have been able to give them."

The Committee appointed to examine the report of the Grand Lecturer commended him very highly for the efficient work he had done, endorsed his recommendations and recommended his office "be extended for a period of four years from April 28, 1916." The report of the Committee was adopted.

Pennsylvania is not reviewed by the Committee on Correspondence, presumably because it was not received in time, as the first sentence in the conclusion of Companion Bass's report indicates. We take the following paragraph from his conclusion:

"One subject that seems to be of most interest is the devising of some system of instruction of Subordinate Chapters in the work and Ritual most effectively at least cost. Some Jurisdictions maintain Grand Lecturers at salaries that justify the devotion of their time to that end. Some have District Lecturers paid for the time given in instruction. While others are depending upon Visitations by Grand Officers or visitors appointed for this purpose. We are watching each method or plan with interest."

Pennsylvania's system of District Deputy Grand High Priests works very well and they give their

time for the love of Capitular Masonry and charge only their expenses.

H. Warner Hill, Grand High Priest, Atlanta, Ga.

W. A. Wolihin, Grand Secretary, Macon, Ga.

A. G. C. S.

ILLINOIS.

The Sixty-sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Illinois convened in the Grand Ball Room of the La Salle Hotel, city of Chicago, on Thursday, the twenty-eighth day of October, A. D. 1915, A. I. 2445, at ten o'clock A. M.

All of the Grand Officers were in their respective stations and places, and thirteen Past Grand High Priests were in attendance.

After some preliminary business the Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion Everett R. Turnbull, delivered his annual address, which is full of interesting and helpful material. We quote his introduction and would like to quote it all:

"We are workers in a common cause for the uplifting of mankind; our hearts are filled with love and sympathy; our petty troubles disappear, and we know that 'God's in His heaven, all's right with the world.' In the bright, cheery faces of those who meet with us for the first time we read the determination to maintain the honor of the institution, and we feel that, as the declining years of life gradually creep on us and we retire from active participation in the affairs of this body, they will carry it to a higher state of efficiency and usefulness than we are capable of doing. . . .

"Our present state is only a trial of our fitness to enjoy the inheritance of eternal life. Day by day our record for good or evil is being written. Let us, then, so practice the precepts contained in the first Great Light in Masonry that our lives may be full of service to our brethren and that we may prepare ourselves to become inhabitants of the city where 'death shall be no more; neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain any more'; the city that 'hath no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine upon it'; 'for the Lord God shall give them light: and they shall reign as the stars for ever and ever.'"

Under "Use of the Flag" he writes as follows:

"I have been much pleased to note, in several of our Chapters, the very appropriate custom of displaying the American Flag. This practice cannot be too strongly commended, for who has a better right to do this than the Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons? The early history of our government is so intimately connected with the history of the Masonic Order that they are almost one and inseparable. In those portentous days, when men of courage and action were needed, we are not surprised to learn that it was the Provincial Grand Master of Masons who sent his Senior Grand Deacon on that memorable ride to

'spread the alarm
Through every Middlesex village and farm,
For the country folk to be up and to arm.'"

This is new to Pennsylvania Capitular Masonry, but we would not disapprove, since the displaying of an American flag is certainly appropriate wherever a body of Americans assemble.

He reports one Chapter constituted, another instituted under Dispensation and a Dispensation issued to another under Dispensation. Still another request for a Dispensation was asked for, but the Grand High Priest referred its request to the Grand Chapter, which refused it. He speaks encouragingly of the work done in the Schools of Instruction and of the Inspectors of Chapters and their assistants.

He gives an interesting description of the Royal Arch Memorial Hospital, erected by the Grand Chapter on the grounds of the Masonic Home at Sullivan, and an account of its dedication. The Royal Arch Masons of Illinois may well be proud of this magnificent contribution to the needs of their Brethren. All of the addresses made on the occasion of the dedication are printed in full in the Annual Proceedings, and make interesting reading.

The Committee on Obituaries makes an extended report, and we quote the following from it:

"Winfield Scott Bell, Grand King; born September 18, 1852; died August 16, 1914.

"We are told that he was one of those whose word did not need the collateral of a bond; he was a man of sterling character and gentle manners; he was without ostentation, yet his vigor and promptness in the discharge of every duty made him a man honored and respected by all."

The Grand Chapter is blessed with a balance of $23,197.77 in the Grand Treasurer's hands, and an invested fund of $15,000.

The Correspondence Report is written by R. E. Companion GEORGE W. WARVELLE, Grand Secretary. He reviews Pennsylvania in less than a page. In his opening paragraph he says:

"Capitular Masonry continues to flourish in Pennsylvania notwithstanding the severe handicap to which it is subjected."

What is it, Companion WARVELLE? We are not conscious of a "severe handicap."

The Postscript written by Companion WARVELLE is as interesting as ever. It takes up thirty-three pages of the report and treats the following subjects in an interesting manner: The Vacant Chair, Ritualistic Uniformity, Tobacco (four pages) and Booze, The Truthful Liar, On Parnassus, What is Good Standing? Grand Representatives, Are we Governed too Much? Concerning Correspondence Reports, Reviews, Charity, Anachronisms, Territorial Jurisdiction, and The Message from the East. What a repertoire! They must be read to be appreciated.

In his conclusion he makes a comparison as to membership in New York, Illinois, Ohio and Pennsylvania, ranking in order given. In exaltations Illinois takes the lead, and in gains Ohio takes first place, Pennsylvania being fourth in each case.

M. E. HARRY W. HARVEY, Grand High Priest, Chicago, Ill.

R. E. GEORGE W. WARVELLE, Grand Secretary, Chicago, Ill. A. G. C. S.

INDIANA.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Indiana assembled in its Seventieth Annual Convocation at the Masonic Temple, in the city of Indianapolis, at two o'clock P. M., on Wednesday, the twentieth day of October, A. D. 1915, A. I. 2445, it being the first Wednesday succeeding the third Monday in October, 1915.

In addition to the Grand Officers, there were sixteen Past Grand High Priests in attendance. One hundred and fifteen Chapters out of the one hundred and eighteen Chapters in the Jurisdiction were represented.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion ARTHUR J. SMITH, in making his address, makes use of the following:

"I am pleased to announce that nothing has transpired to mar the peace and harmony of the Grand Chapter and we are at peace with other Grand Jurisdictions.

"Our official family have all been spared to participate in the labors and pleasures of this Convocation and none of the Past Grand Officers have been taken from us during the past year."

We rejoice with you, M. E. Companion SMITH.

In noting the death of Companions in other Jurisdictions, he mentions the death of our M. E. Companion WINFIELD S. BELL, Most Excellent Grand King. He says of him:

"His word did not need the collateral of a bond. He was a good Mason."

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest reports three Chapters constituted and one under Dispensation.

All Grand High Priests are wise if they frequently consult the Most Excellent Grand Secretary. M. E. Companion SMITH has evidently done so. Hear him in his closing paragraph:

"And especially am I indebted to our beloved Grand Secretary, Calvin W. Prather, for his untiring assistance during the past year. He is a fountain of wisdom and a tower of strength to Masonry in Indiana and my prayer is that he may be spared many years to us."

R. E. Companion PRATHER no doubt bowed his acknowledgment gracefully.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows a balance on hand of $7404.31, with invested funds of $8000. The Grand Chapter is evidently in a healthy financial condition.

The Grand Secretary's report is concise and full of interest to the members. The following paragraph taken from his report indicates the interest and growth in the Jurisdiction:

"The statistical table I have just read discloses the fact that this has been numerically the most prosperous year of the Grand Chapter of Indiana, with a net increase of 1235. I have no reason to question the personnel in this very great growth as from all information the character and standing of those exalted is up to the usual standard of excellency as in former years."

I am pleased to note again the efficient services of the Grand Inspector. He makes a detailed report of twenty pages. The Committee on Inspection thus refers to it in their report:

"Your Committee on Inspection, to which was referred the report of our Grand Inspector, John J. Glendening, beg leave to report that we approve said report of our Grand Inspector and congratulate this Grand Chapter on having in this office a companion so well fitted for this work and we recommend the careful study of this report to every Companion Royal Arch Mason in this Grand Jurisdiction. It is full and complete."

M. E. Companion ROBERT ARCHER WOODS, Past Grand High Priest, presents his fifth Annual Capitular Review. In opening he says:

"We have done what we could. We wish it were better, but 'Small service is true service while it lasts,' and therein lies our way of escape."

Pennsylvania is accorded a fraternal review of two pages, in which he carefully sums up the important doings of Grand Chapter for 1914.

In his conclusion he gets back to his childhood days and also reveals the fact that when he travels, from home, he always has a report or two with him for review. We quote the following as indicating his happy frame of mind:

"But everywhere, as I read and wrote, the pleasing fact fastened itself upon me that Capitular Masonry was marching on splendidly to glorious achievement. Never in its history has it been more prosperous or more promising, and its results more satisfying. It should be cause for felicitation that the presence of the Lord continues to fill the Lord's House, to the glorification of the world in general and of the Royal Craft in particular."

Leon T. Leach, Grand High Priest, Indianapolis, Ind.

Calvin W. Prather, Grand Secretary, Indianapolis, Ind.

A. G. C. S.

IOWA.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Iowa convened in its Sixty-second Annual Convocation, in the Masonic Temple, Des Moines, the fourteenth day of October, A. D. 1915, at 9.15 o'clock A. M.

After the Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form* and a number of distinguished visitors were cordially welcomed, the Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion JOHN W. COREY, read his annual address. It is full of good things from beginning to end, and M. E. Companion COREY has given a good account of his administration. He reports the constitution of one new Chapter. He visited a number of Chapters and "found peace, activity and good-will prevailing."

"The New Ritual" seems to have given him some trouble, but he reports:

"There has been a great improvement in all things in nearly all the Chapters of Iowa, and this is due largely to the system of instruction provided by this Grand Body."

He writes thus under the head of *Proficiency:*

"It has been a long established usage in the Chapters of Iowa to permit advancement without proficiency. The law requires each Brother, as advanced, to be proficient in the preceding degree, and to be examined in open Lodge or Chapter. The Companions at such examination to be the judges whether advancement should be permitted or not. In the majority of the Chapters of Iowa there is no pretense to require any proficiency or examination. This is contrary to law, and each Chapter so doing is violating law, and subject to discipline. . . .

"The Chapters should strictly comply with the law, and if this Grand Chapter thinks otherwise the law should be repealed and relieve the Chapters and Companions from this obligation and apparent permission to violate the law."

Pennsylvania does not attempt to exact such a requirement, and from Iowa's experience it is probably just as well she does not.

The following paragraphs from the conclusion of the Grand High Priest's address contain sentiments which all Royal Arch Masons should delight to read and meditate upon, and we are pleased to give them wider circulation:

"The industrial and social relations of the world have changed wonderfully in the past decade. Efforts toward universal peace have on the surface failed to a great extent, but let us hope and pray that out of the darkness there may appear a brighter day when the declaration of our Savior will be true, 'Peace on earth, and good will to men.'

"The health and purity of our homes and of our children are threatened as never before, and the call is for men, pure, strong, and determined to banish the evil which tenders the threat.

"Capital and labor are in a death struggle and unless a Christian world comes to the rescue civil government will be disturbed and menaced. Character and sobriety are on the scale with evil and some principle emanating from man must prevent the scale balancing in the wrong direction.

"Law, and respect for it, the anchor of hope and progress, is being dishonored and the flag of patriotism disowned. The world is calling for action founded upon reason and upon the eternal principle of love and belief in the Father as the source of all true progress and development. Our beloved order has been greatly blessed and has advanced in keeping with other organizations of the world, and has met the assaults of its enemies valiantly. If we are to continue progressing reliance must not be based upon what we have been or on our tenets, but we must rise to the new conditions and the needs of the world, and each man of us be a living and vital force in the upbuilding of the right in the fight for moral progress and for the needs of humanity. Universal friendship, brotherly love, and faith in God must be the rule and guide in our lives, and if this is so then the clouds threatening mankind will be dispersed through Masonry, together with the aid of all other noble organizations."

Companion W. F. Cleveland, Right Excellent Grand Secretary, presents to the Grand Chapter a detailed report of his doings for the year, which covers a little over sixteen pages in the annual report. He remarks that:

"It is with much satisfaction that I am able to report that the year ending December 31, 1914, was one of more than ordinary growth and prosperity. The net increase in membership was 856, making a total membership of 14,080."

The report of the Trustees of the Grand Chapter Charity Fund shows a total of investments of $23,-271.62.

Companion W. F. CLEVELAND, Past Grand High Priest, writes the Report on Correspondence, and does it very well, reading the "Proceedings from all over the world" and reviewing them personally. He gives a very satisfactory review of the proceedings of Pennsylvania. He quotes from one Grand High Priest as follows, adding a paragraph of his own, which most decidedly meets with our approval:

"'I have denied requests to strain the authority of the Grand High Priest, believing that the interests and conveniences of candidates and officers should weigh lightly as compared with constitution and usage.'

"We wish every Grand High Priest that reads this would fully appreciate that laws are placed upon our statutes to be obeyed, not suspended for every occasion that presents itself under the specious plea 'for the good of the order.'"

We appreciate the kind words of commendation M. E. Companion CLEVELAND has seen fit to use in referring to our report. He writes an interesting conclusion, and we say "Amen" to the thought contained in the following paragraph:

"Let us hope and pray that reason may again assert its sway over the bitter passions of men, that peace may be restored to those warring nations of the old world, that the undying moral teachings of our Fraternity may exert a wholesome influence upon those who, though possessed of human forms, have shown themselves more bloodthirsty than the beasts of the

field. We should be thankful that our own fair land has been thus far spared from the scourge that has taken possession of other lands. We, as members of a great confraternity that professes a firm belief in the Fatherhood of God and the Universal Brotherhood of Man, cannot stand idly by and let this awful saturnalia of blood go on without entering a vigorous protest in the name of humanity.''

FRANK N. FOWLER, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Nevada, Iowa.

W. F. CLEVELAND, Right Excellent Secretary, Harlan, Iowa.

A. G. C. S.

KANSAS.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas convened in the Egyptian Room of the Scottish Rite Temple, Wichita, Kansas, on Monday, February 15, A. D. 1915, A. I. 2445, at two P. M.

After the opening of the Grand Chapter, the report of the Committee on Credentials, and the announcement of Standing Committees, M. E. Companion MARION G. BRUNDAGE, Grand High Priest, read his annual address.

We quote from his introduction as follows:

''In meeting together today to review the labors of the past year and to outline upon the trestle-board the designs which are to guide us for another year, we realize how much the daily tasks of life are softened and made easier by reason of our associations on occasions of this kind. The warm, frank smile and the hearty handclasp of friends long made attest

the wisdom of our confidences, and their cheering words of greeting sweep away all thought of trials and disappointments and fill our hearts with the tender assurance of that affection and love which binds us closely as Companions in a great cause, while in the faces of those who enter our mystic circle for the first time we find full encouragement to the hope that as we slowly descend the slope of declining years we shall be supported to the end and find that solace and joy which only comes from the close companionship of noble and unselfish friends.''

And from the closing words of his address:

''To be worth while, life must be measured by accomplishment and permanent progress towards universal betterment, and to this end its full beauty and highest mission must be actuated by something other than an ambition for the material side of our existence. Masonry teaches in no unmistakable terms that it is our duty to train our intellect in a knowledge of the laws of God, 'not alone as they affect things and their forces, but men and their ways, and to fashion our desires and affections into perfect harmony with those laws,' and not until we have done this are we capable of performing the greatest good or advancing the real mission of our Order. Masonry is not a negative quantity, but rather a strong constructive force and its greatest vitality is manifested by action and by real service to our fellowman, and our ability to render this service is dependent on our knowing the ways and motives of men that we may influence them rightly through charity and love, while our power to so influence them comes only through our knowledge of the laws of the Great I Am and a willing adjustment of our own desires and ambitions to those laws.

''Masons have no direct part to play in the contest of arms now waging; but they may have, and should have, a powerful influence in shaping the final decision of public opinion on those principles of action affecting society and the welfare of all men and nations, to the end that selfishness, greed and hatred shall not stifle conscience or force conquer justice, but instead, that the law of righteousness and the command that we shall 'do unto others as we would have others do unto us,' shall prevail.''

We notice from his report that ''Nothing has occurred during the year to disturb the kindly and cordial relations existing between this and other Grand Jurisdictions.'' This is a condition we all strive for. A charter was granted to a new Chapter. The Grand High Priest, by his genial manner and wise counsel,

was able to instill new life into three of the Chapters which had lost interest. Weak Chapters need the fostering care of sympathetic officials.

M. E. Companion BRUNDAGE is entitled to the commendation of the Craft for the positive manner in which he dealt with a Companion, an officer in his Chapter, who attempted to have Royal Arch Masons oppose a certain candidate for political office. We quote a part of his report on this case:

"It was made clear that the action of the Companion involved a question of vital importance and a departure from the traditional policy of the Craft, a policy in which was conceived the very character of our institution —the very spirit and mission of Masonry in respect to its relations with the rest of the world. Attention was called to the fact that Masonry was broad in principle, generous in its sympathies and charitable in its judgment and that while our Institution stood for justice and enlightenment and was strongly arrayed against ignorance, bigotry and every wrong against society, either individually or collectively, our only methods and weapons of offense and defense are education, tolerance, and a patient, broad charity toward those who differ with us in belief or conviction, or who, through ignorance of the purposes of Masonry, seek to injure or oppose it. Our Fraternity is safe against any attack by one without its fold, no matter how high a position he may hold, but it may be endangered by those within it if, through thoughtlessness or ignorance, they misrepresent its purpose."

In this connection we noted with pleasure in the report of the Committee on Reports of Grand Officers the following:

"Your Committee is in perfect sympathy and accord with the application of the remedy thus administered by him (Grand High Priest) to the Companion in question."

We notice that the Grand High Priest refuses to allow one of the degrees of the Chapter to be conferred in the presence of any one who had not re-

ceived the degree. The only strange thing in this connection is that any officer of a Chapter should make such a request.

The entire address indicates a careful administration of the affairs of the Grand Chapter.

The Grand Chapter is in a healthy financial condition. The Grand Treasurer's report shows a balance of $7371.70 in the General Fund, $163.13 in the Charity Fund, and $9300 invested in bonds.

The Grand Secretary reports number of members on rolls, December 31, 1914: 10,144, a net gain of 350.

Appropriate notices of the death of our M. E. Companion Samuel Laughlin, Grand Scribe, and M. E. Companion Winfield Scott Bell, Grand King, both of whom died during the past year, are placed on the In Memoriam pages.

We now come to the Report on Correspondence. Nearly three pages are devoted to Pennsylvania, and nearly two of them to scolding our Grand Chapter for its reasons for not recognizing the Grand Chapter of Western Australia.

The action taken may be "indefensible" in the mind of M. E. Companion Miller, but it is at least consistent with former actions of Grand Chapter, viz., 1894, 1898 and 1905.

In complimentary terms, the work of Pennsylvania Masons in caring for dependent Masons and their families, is referred to.

M. E. Companion MILLER's reviews of the reports of the several Grand Chapters are interesting reading.

From his report on Quebec we quote the following, with which we heartily agree:

"If it (Masonry) does not have its own self-respect; if it is conscious that its existence is a sham; that its charities are meagre, and that any of God's poor are in distress, whether those to whom they have vowed the vows of brotherhood or not, then they are not fulfilling the mission of Masonry."

His remarks on applause in Masonic bodies, as found in his report on Virginia should be read by every Mason.

M. E. Companion JOHN W. NEILSON, Grand High Priest, Concordia, Kan.

R. E. Companion ALBERT K. WILSON, Grand Secretary, Topeka, Kan.

A. G. C. S.

KENTUCKY.

The Grand Chapter of Kentucky, Royal Arch Masons, held its Ninety-eighth Annual Convocation in the Masonic Temple, Louisville, commencing October 19, 1915, A. I. 2445, and was opened in *Ample Form* on the Royal Arch Degree, at eight o'clock P. M.

After the opening of Grand Chapter, M. E. Companion W. R. SHACKELFORD, Grand High Priest, delivered his address, in which he gave an account of his doings for the year.

Under Dispensations we note that four were issued which were clearly appropriate and ended with these words:

"I received some requests to ballot on candidates out of time, which I refused."

We commend the Grand High Priest for his wisdom, in refusing. We are pleased to see that the Committee on Jurisprudence in its report approves the action of the Grand High Priest above referred to.

M. E. Companion SHACKELFORD closes his address with this paragraph:

"Before laying down the labors of this office, I wish to express my personal and official gratitude to our Grand Secretary, Companion Howard R. French, for his unfailing courtesy and his constant and kindly advice and assistance. I being constantly occupied with public and private affairs, the larger part of the burden of this office fell upon Companion French, and if, during the past year, I have achieved anything in the advancement of Capitular Masonry in Kentucky, or contributed anything to its prosperity, I owe that success to this worthy Companion, our Grand Secretary."

The Grand Secretaries are never forgotten, neither should they be. They are valuable servants in the several Grand Chapters.

The Grand Treasurer, R. E. Companion FRANK H. JOHNSON, presents an itemized report, which shows a

comfortable balance on hand of $8949.28, with an invested fund of $21,000.

The Grand Secretary, R. E. Companion Howard R. French, presents an interesting report, in which he mentions the fact that charters were issued to three Chapters, and a Dispensation for one other Chapter, showing a general interest in Capitular Work in the Grand Jurisdiction of Kentucky. His report further shows a net gain of 219.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest and the Committee on Necrology paid a fitting tribute to M. E. Companion Warren LaRue Thomas, Past Grand High Priest, and recorded the death also of M. E. Companion Winfield Scott Bell, Most Excellent Grand King of Pennsylvania.

A Select Committee of the Grand Chapter R. & S. Masons of Kentucky presented an elaborate communication to Grand Chapter on the "Texas Plan". It was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, with instructions to report thereon at the next Convocation. Let every tub stand on its own bottom.

Companion W. W. Clarke gives an interesting two-page review of Pennsylvania's proceedings. He seems to be in accord with the views expressed by our Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion George B. Wells, and quotes from his address freely. We take this paragraph from his review:

"So thoroughly organized is this old Jurisdiction, that changes in its jurisprudence are few. Its customs and Masonic habits have become fixed, and we find a permanency and solidity about it that constitutes a condition greatly to be desired. We believe that Masonry is a progressive science; but it is the science of Masonry that is progressive, and we think that not lightly should the hand of change be laid upon its customs and usages."

Thank you for the compliment, Companion CLARKE.

He cannot agree with us in our remarks relative to the power to dispense with the time limited by law for the reception and balloting on petitions. Perhaps we do not understand Kentucky needs, but she seems to still act in accordance with our thought in the matter. We vote Companion CLARKE a success as a reviewer.

JOHN W. JUETT, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Eminence, Ky.

HOWARD R. FRENCH, Right Excellent Grand Secretary, Mt. Sterling, Ky.

A. G. C. S.

LOUISIANA.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Louisiana convened at New Orleans, Tuesday, February 2, 1915, at twelve o'clock M.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion EDWARD EVERETT, presented his annual report.

He speaks at length of the "tragic death" of M. E. GEORGE J. PINCKHARD, Past Grand High Priest.

He reports two Chapters organized under Dispensation, and one regularly chartered.

He granted a Dispensation to a Chapter "to hold public joint installation of officers with Blue Lodge Commandery and Order of the Eastern Star." This is surely out of harmony with our understanding of Masonic practice. We clip this confession from his address:

"While I have made no official visits, yet I find a lack of interest manifested in the Chapter work throughout the State, due, I believe, to the unsettled conditions of the work, caused by the number of changes within the past few years."

His predecessor's hope, as expressed in his report, does not seem to have been realized. The visits of the Grand Officers have much to do with creating and stimulating interest in the work of the degrees.

Grand High Priest EVERETT was much interested in the uniformity of the work and sent a letter to the several Chapters under his care, asking four questions relative to the work of the General Grand Chapter, which had been adopted three years before. One-third of the Chapters made no reply, a few were opposed, but the majority were in favor.

We take the following excerpts from his address relating to this subject:

"Companions, we have settled, I hope for good and all, the question of what work we shall use, and it is not my purpose to cause any discussion on this part. We have adopted the General Grand Chapter work, and I believe it should remain. The work should be as nearly the same, as possible, throughout every State and country, so that wherever a Royal Arch Mason might chance to be, he would be perfectly at home in the Chapter. But there is one thing which I am unalterably opposed to, which, to my mind, should be remedied, and that is the use of these books or keys of any description.

"The very fundamental principles of Freemasonry are violated when we use or make any letter, figure, cipher, character, or the semblance of the same. Some have said, 'Other Jurisdictions use them,' while my reply is, let us not follow after the faults of others, but let Louisiana Masons set the standard by placing a ban on the use of these keys. By their use, in conferring the degrees, the impressiveness of the ceremonies is destroyed.

"I therefore recommend that this Grand Chapter secure the services of one 'skilled' in the work, as Grand Lecturer of Royal Arch Masons, to give his entire time to visiting the Subordinate Chapters, disseminating the General Grand Chapter work, as it shall be given him by the Committee on Work, and see that the membership, or at least the officers, learn their parts. The Lecturer should visit each Chapter as many times each year as he can, and remain with them as long as possible."

The Committee on Work did not see the necessity for the method recommended by the Grand High Priest to procure uniformity in the work, as is seen by its report as follows, which was adopted:

"We deprecate the use of the Allen's key, but we see absolutely no objection to that adopted by the General Grand Chapter, and believe it will answer the purpose of disseminating far better than the occasional visit of a Grand Lecturer. The Committee on Work is fully able, competent and desirous of giving to the Craft its time, intelligence and experience, and we urgently recommend that the usefulness of this Committee be tested; and through it we feel assured there will be no need of the services of a Grand Lecturer."

What a pity it is that there must be so frequent changes in the Ritual in a number of our Sister Jurisdictions.

The Grand Treasurer, M. E. Companion GEORGE W. BOOTH, Past Grand High Priest, reports a cash balance in bank of $3470.94, with investments amounting to $7000.

The Grand Secretary, M. E. Companion RICHARD LAMBERT, Past Grand High Priest, reports a net increase in membership of 165, with a total of 3698. He adds the list of the Chapters with their entire membership and many tables of interest.

Under Historical Table of Chapters we note that Concorde Chapter No. 1, now No. 2, was organized by Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in 1811, attached to Concorde Lodge.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is submitted by M. E. Companion HERMAN C. DUNCAN, Past Grand High Priest.

The reviews are brief and to the point. Pennsylvania is complimented by having the annual address of M. E. Companion GEORGE B. WELLS, Grand High Priest, copied from at length.

In conclusion, M. E. Companion DUNCAN writes:

"Your Chairman regrets to say that during the latter portion of the year he has been seriously ill, and was compelled to seek the help of his Companions of the local Chapter in the preparation of the above report. He desires to acknowledge valued services rendered by Excellent Companions Sylvester and Huddle, and by his son, Companion Greer A. Duncan.

"Many kindly expressions of regard and inquiries as to his health have come to him from members of the Correspondents' Guild. He is very grate-

ful to his Brethren who have thus evinced their friendliness and companionship. The recollection of those expressions of regard will always be gratefully treasured.''

We sympathize with M. E. Companion DUNCAN sincerely, for our own introduction to this work last year was upon a bed of sickness.

H. F. GRIM, Grand High Priest, New Orleans, La.

RICHARD LAMBERT, Past Grand High Priest, Grand Secretary, New Orleans, La.

A. G. C. S.

MAINE.

The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Maine met in its Ninetieth Annual Convocation in Masonic Temple, at Portland, on Tuesday evening, May 4, A. D. 1915, A. I. 2445, at seven o'clock.

Fifty-six of the sixty-three chartered Chapters and thirteen of the seventeen living Past Grand High Priests were in attendance.

M. E. Companion WALLACE N. PRICE, Grand High Priest, gave an account of his doings for the year in his annual address.

Under "Conditions of the Craft," he writes as follows:

''Conditions throughout this Jurisdiction are very much the same as reported during the past few years. Reports of the visiting officers show

that the year has not been phenomenal in any way, but one of steady growth.

"Many of the Chapters have taken a new lease of life, interest is being instilled therein and we should be greatly encouraged by the results, bearing in mind 'the race is not always to the swift, but to the strong.'

"Thorough proficiency in the ritualistic work and a conversance with the history and meaning of the lessons to be imparted, will cause greater interest to be manifested in the Chapters. There is no danger of Chapters going to sleep and the members becoming inactive when the High Priest is energetic and well informed regarding the work."

One new Chapter was constituted and a number of visits made to the Subordinate Chapters.

Complete reports were made by his associate Grand Officers and District Deputies, all of which are made a part of the proceedings of Grand Chapter.

It appears from the doings of Grand Chapters that the Grand High Priests upon retiring from office were not presented with appropriate jewels, at least gold jewels were presented to the thirteen Past Grand High Priests present, as well as one to the Grand High Priest, who was re-elected.

The Charity Fund amounts to over nine thousand dollars, and is gradually increasing. Chapters enrolled 66, net increase 179, and a total membership of 10,536.

To Companion William D. Patterson was assigned the duty of making the Report on Correspondence. He must have been swamped with the amount of work he had on hand, for he was unable

to review the proceedings from other Jurisdictions, alphabetically, further than Kansas. Hence, Pennsylvania is not reviewed. This is two years in succession that Pennsylvania has escaped his kindly review. He reviews carefully what he has read.

The Grand Secretary appends a note, in which he says:

"Companion Patterson does admirable work, and he is altogether lovely, so that I regret to miss the remainder."

Permit us to suggest that Companion PATTERSON be given some help, and the burden will not fall so heavily.

WALLACE N. PRICE, Grand High Priest, Richmond, Me.

STEPHEN BERRY, Grand Secretary, Portland, Me.
A. G. C. S.

MARYLAND.

The Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Maryland was held in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Baltimore, on Thursday, November 18, A. I. 2445, A. D. 1915, at four o'clock P. M.

The Grand Treasurer reported a balance in banks and in cash of $8318.65, which was confirmed by the Auditing Committee.

The Grand Secretary announced that the report of the Committee on Correspondence had been printed and copies were in the room. On motion, the report was received and ordered bound and distributed with the printed proceedings.

Quick work. We don't know how it was done.

The Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion THOMAS J. SHRYOCK, made a verbal report, touching on a number of subjects, one of which is of general interest. It is as follows, *re* School of Instruction and Degree Team, whatever the latter may mean:

"He called attention to the School of Instruction, which he had successfully inaugurated during his term, and which meets twice a month in the city of Baltimore. The School has nine Grand Instructors, who comprise a Degree Team for instruction in the work in the Chapters outside of the city of Baltimore, and the Most Excellent Grand High Priest recommended its continuance by the Grand Chapter."

Ah! now we are told what a Degree Team is. Wouldn't the sentence have been just as strong without the words "who comprise a Degree Team"?

The following statement having reference to the financial condition of the Subordinate Chapters shows an almost incredible closeness of collections from the members:

"He also referred to the financial condition of the Subordinate Chapters, and stated that few of the Chapters had two years' dues owing by any of their members, while some had one year's dues owing and others had nothing due at all."

The result of the election for Grand Officers was as below:

Comp. Edwin J. Griffin (19), Baltimore, . . *M. E. Grand High Priest.*
" Emmett L. Pettit (40), Laurel, . . *R. E. D. G. High Priest.*
" J. H. Ferd. Hahn (21), Baltimore, . . *R. E. G. King.*
" Oliver C. Warehime (23), Frederick, . *R. E. G. Scribe.*
" Robert M. Rother (21), Baltimore, . . *R. E. G. Treasurer.*
" John H. Miller (1), Baltimore, . . *R. E. G. Secretary.*
" Rev. E. W. Wroth (28), Baltimore, . *R. E. G. Chaplain.* .
" Chas. C. Homer, Jr. (40), Baltimore, . *R. E. G. C. of the Host.*

So you see down Maryland way they elect the Chaplain and Grand Captain of the Host.

The well-known genial Right Excellent Grand Secretary, Companion John H. Miller, deserves great credit for the "get up" of Maryland's Proceedings. The table of Grand Royal Arch Chapters fills for the writer a long-felt want, and we clip it accordingly, with thanks to the one who prepared it.

Having often been asked questions that this table answers, it is appended.

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS

In Correspondence with the Grand Chapter of Maryland

Grand Chapters	Annual Convocation	Grand Secretaries	Address	Last Proc'ds Rec'd
Alabama	December	Geo. A. Beauchamp	Montgomery	1914
Arizona	November	Geo. J. Roskruge	Tucson	1915
Arkansas	November	John C. Bone	Batesville	1914
California	April	Thomas Davies	San Francisco	1915
Canada	January	George J. Bennett *	Toronto	1915
Colorado	September	Chas. H. Jacobson	Denver	1915
Connecticut	May	James McCormick	Hartford	1915
Delaware	January	Stuart J. Horn	Wilmington	1913
Dis. of Columbia	February	Arvine W. Johnston	Washington	1915
England	May	Edward Letchworth	London† W. C.	1915
Florida	May	Wilber P. Webster	Jacksonville	1915
Georgia	April	W. A. Wolihin	Macon	1915
Idaho	June	Lewis W. Ensign	Boise	1915
Illinois	October	Geo. W. Warvelle	Chicago	1914
Indiana	October	Calvin W. Prather	Indianapolis	1915

* Henry T. Smith, Temple Building, *acting.*

† Freemason's Hall, Great Queen's St.

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Iowa	July	O. F. Graves	Nevada	1914
Kansas	February	Albert K. Wilson	Topeka	1915
Kentucky	October	Howard R. French	Mt. Sterling	1914
Louisiana	February	Richard Lambert	New Orleans	1915
Maine	May	Stephen Berry	Portland	1915
Massachusetts	December	J. Gilman Waite	Boston	1914
Michigan	January	Chas. A. Conover	Coldwater	1915
Minnesota	October	John Fishel	St. Paul	1914
Mississippi	February	Frederic G. Speed	Vicksburg	1915
Missouri	April	Robt. F. Stevenson	St. Louis	1915
Montana	September	Cornelius Hedges	Helena	1914
Nebraska	December	Francis E. White	Omaha	1914
Nevada	June	Edward D. Vanderlieth	Carson City	1915
New Brunswick	August	J. Twining Hartt	St. John	1913
New Hampshire	May	Harry M. Cheney	Concord	1915
New Jersey	May	Peter McGill	Bound Brook	1915
New Mexico	October	Alpheus A. Keen	Albuquerque	1914
N. South Wales	November	Alf. J. Burbidge	Sydney‡	1913
New York	February	Chas. C. Hunt	New York City	1915
New Zealand	February	Herbert J. Williams	Wellington	1915
North Carolina	June	John B. Griggs	Elizabeth City	1915
North Dakota	June	Walter L. Stockwell	Fargo	1915
Nova Scotia	June	S. J. Waddell	Truro	1914
Ohio	October	Edwin Hagenbuch	Urbana	1914
Oklahoma	April	Leo E. Bennett	Muskogee	1915
Oregon	June	James F. Robinson	Portland	1915
Pennsylvania	December	Stockton Bates	Philadelphia	1914
Quebec	March	Will H. Whyte	Montreal	1915
Rhode Island	March	William R. Greene	Providence	1915
Scotland §	March	Alfred A. A. Murray	Edinburgh	1915
South Carolina	February	O. Frank Hart	Columbia	1915
South Dakota	June	George A. Pettigrew	Sioux Falls	1915
Tennessee	January	Stith M. Cain	Nashville	1915
Texas	December	T. M. Bartley	Waco	1914
Utah	May	Walter Daniels	Salt Lake City	1915
Vermont	June	Henry H. Ross	Burlington	1915
Victoria	October	G. Lyell Marquand	Melbourne	1914
Virginia	November	James B. Blanks	Petersburg	1914
Washington	June	Yancey C. Blalock	Walla Walla	1915
Western Australia	October	Jno. C. Strickland	Perth	1911
West Virginia	November	D. K. Reed	Clarksburg	1914
Wisconsin	February	William W. Perry	Milwaukee	1915
Wyoming	March	A. J. Parshall	Cheyenne	1915
G. G. Chapter	.....	Charles A. Conover	Coldwater, Mich.	1912

‡ 30 Castlereagh St.

§ Fraternal relations severed.

A sensible Report on Correspondence comes from the pen of the Rev. Henry Branch, Chairman of the Committee.

Under Arkansas, in answer to the question,

"Can the Chapter lend the Ark to be used in teaching a class in Sunday School?"

Answer, "No."

he says:

"Why not? The Ark is not made sacred by its use in the Chapter, but as distinctly ordered by Jehovah, for His worship, in which Sunday Schools are particularly interested. It makes a false impression on children and grown people, too, if we attempt to make mysteries where there are none. The Ark of the Testimony was made after a pattern given directly by Jehovah, now no longer the God of the Jews, but our God, and our children may even get a higher opinion of Masonry itself by using the same Ark, made after a Divine pattern."

The reviews, as a rule, occupy less than a page, so some patent condenser must have been used or a "boiling down" process. The final analysis, however is palatable and nourishing.

We quote under New Jersey:

"A rather interesting question is involved in a decision of the Grand High Priest that 'there is no infringement of the ancient landmarks and usages of Freemasonry if the Chapter wishes to attend Divine Service in a body, wearing their aprons and jewels.' The Committee reported that 'while in accord with the Most Excellent Grand High Priest as to attendance of Divine Service being a Masonic duty, cannot agree that such attendance is a Masonic purpose.' A Masonic duty, but not a Masonic purpose?

"If the greatest light in Masonry is the Divine Word, and essential to the very integrity of the Chapter, and if it is more than a fetich, but is intended to teach us the will of God, then how and where shall we learn its teachings, that we may obey its precepts and cherish its hopes? Are the Holy Scriptures ever expounded in the Chapter?"

Under South Dakota he makes a statement and asks a question:

"The word Demit occurs, for the first time, instead of Dimit. What is the difference?"

Mackey says "Dimit" is "a modern American, and wholly indefensible corruption of the technical word Demit." The verb *to demit* or *to dimit* from the Latin *dimittere* may be found in the dictionaries, meaning to send away; but the word as a noun does not appear. Demit means to resign, Dimit to send away.

"A Mason demits from the Lodge; he resigns. He takes out his demit (a strictly technical expression and altogether confined to this country); he asks for and receives an acceptance of his resignation."

The word is not recognized officially in Capitular Masonry in Pennsylvania.

Edwin J. Griffin, Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

John H. Miller, Right Excellent Grand Secretary. S. B.

MICHIGAN.

The Sixty-seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Michigan was called to order in Masonic Temple,

in the city of Kalamazoo, on Tuesday afternoon, at one-thirty o'clock, May 18, 1915, by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, WILLIAM W. WATTS.

Of Work by Request (a custom unknown to Pennsylvania) he says:

"I have had numerous correspondence with the Grand High Priests of other Jurisdictions in this country relative to work being done by Subordinate Chapters in other Jurisdictions for our Chapters, and by our Chapters for Subordinate Chapters in other Jurisdictions.

"There have been seven (7) cases where I have been called upon to ask other Jurisdictions to do work for Chapters in this State, and there have been eight (8) occasions upon which Grand High Priests of other Jurisdictions have requested that the work be done for their Chapters by the Subordinate Chapters in this State.

"I am pleased to say that the Chapters in other Jurisdictions have gladly extended to us this courtesy in each case, and, of course, Chapters in this State have done likewise to them."

On the subject of occasional pecuniary relief, he says:

"There are many cases which undoubtedly we could greatly assist and without the expenditure of a very large sum by this body. There are such cases constantly arising, where it is not necessary that they should go to the Masonic Home, but where there is the need of some little assistance—I would say a 'benevolence' rather than a charity, where we could brighten up and lighten the burden of the declining years of those who have given practically their entire life to the work of this order.

"Under the present regulations of Grand Chapter, unless it be under his general authority, the Grand High Priest does not appear to have any specific authority for relief in matters of this kind I want to recommend, therefore, that provision be made for the placing of a certain amount as a fund, to be known as 'Benevolent Fund,' this to be in the hands of a special Board of Benevolence, or of the Grand Council of the Grand Chapter, to be used in helping out such of our Companions without the necessity of their going to the Masonic Home or becoming objects of charity. I would ask that this recommendation be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, in order that they may draft amendment in accordance with the suggestion if you deem best."

"Territorial Jurisdiction" comes to plague the Grand High Priest. It will continue to do so just so long as "commercialism" is allowed to play any part.

The Grand High Priest says:

"A case in point came up this year which demonstrated the unfairness of our present law in this respect, if it was literally followed.

"The village of Highland Park joins Detroit on the north. The Masonic Temple in Detroit where city Chapters meet, is in the southern part of the city, and unless some decision was given which stretched the present law considerably a Chapter established in Highland Park would gain jurisdiction not only over the more than twenty thousand residents of that village, but would have taken from the Detroit Chapters jurisdiction over the northern three miles within the city limits of the most thickly populated and best Masonic territory that the Detroit Chapters possessed. In this instance this was avoided by an agreement between the Detroit Chapters and the new Chapter at Highland Park that the entire jurisdiction of all the Chapters should be concurrent."

The Right Excellent Grand Secretary reports total membership, December 27, 1914, 24,026, and King Cyrus Chapter No. 133, of Detroit, Mich., as the largest Chapter, with a membership of 1534.

The Grand Chapter receipts were $11,190.67, which includes Grand Chapter dues and fees to the sum of $10,104.75.

The Grand Secretary had some pleasure, for he says, in concluding his report:

"It was my pleasure during the past year to have the honor and pleasure of accompanying the Grand High Priest and Grand Lecturer at a number of schools of instruction where I made the personal acquaintance of many of the Secretaries with whom I had corresponded for years. It was a great privilege to do so and to confer with them regarding their methods

of work, records, etc., and I feel we understand each other much better than ever. I also met many of the rank and file of the members who do not get to Grand Chapter, but whose names have become familiar to me in the returns.''

The genial Grand Secretary and preparer of the annual review of Capitular Masonry, thus plunges in:

''*Dear Reader:*

''Thirteen, that terrible 'thirteen', the half of twenty-six and the third of thirty-nine, the square root of one hundred and sixty-nine; that shock to the superstitious, and terror of the tavern guest, the concentration of all evil omens, and the sponsor for all the calamities of life. Well, in spite of all that, here goes for the 'thirteenth' annual review of the proceedings of the Grand Chapters that have favored us with their records in print.''

Then follows an interesting history of Masonry in the Philippines, credited to Grand Orator Captain John Rex Thompson.

Under Delaware he remarks anent the difficulty experienced in getting portraits of Past Grand High Priests—''. . . how stingy some fellows are with their faces.''

Under Georgia we read:

''He (the Grand High Priest) finds that the law of dependent membership in that State is not effective for the reason that the Chapter has no way of ascertaining when a man is suspended from the lodge, and says they should devise some way to get this information or get the co-operation of the lodge. Many other Jurisdictions would be pleased to find a solution of this problem.''

Under Idaho we clip the following:

''The per capita tax was raised from seventy-five cents to one dollar. What would Michigan Companions think of such a tax as that? It is nearly three times the size of our tax.''

And more than three times the size of Pennsylvania's per capita; but not for long. The time is coming and now is when Pennsylvania's per capita tax will no more "feel like thirty cents," but rise to the dignity of fifty cents. The Grand Chapter needs the money and the constituent Chapters will gladly see that she, he or it gets it.

Under Illinois, he finds, as all of us (Correspondents) do, most interesting reading from the pen of Companion GEORGE W. WARYELLE. Never mind his titles, he's big enough to command our attention without the initials of his honors.

How is the following under Indiana *re* the "all absorbing topic of the war in Europe"? Here you have it, cause and all, in a paragraph:

"Yes, it was a hatched up conspiracy of Austria, backed up by Germany, to make the killing of a wayward Crown Prince of a disreputable family line the plausible excuse for an ultimatum to a little nation which stood in the way of Austria's approach to the Aegean Sea, and this touched the match to the powder magazine of all Europe, and the end is not yet in sight. The act has cast a pall over the civilized world that should make the perpetrators of the act grovel on their knees in sack cloth and ashes. Let us hope a free and enlightened proletariat may succeed the misguided and self-ambitious monarchies of the old world and a universal world peace pact be established with no power to declare war, except by vote of the people who will constitute the armies."

Companion CORE, in reviewing Michigan for 1913, took occasion to say:

"One decision is reported, to wit: That a M. M. who has lost his right hand cannot receive the degrees in the Chapter. This decision does not seem to have been upheld by the Jurisprudence Committee. This of course brings up the question of physical perfection upon which we cannot agree. It

seems that in 1911 the Grand Chapter of Michigan struck out of their Constitution the following provision: 'No Chapter under this Jurisdiction shall confer the Chapter Degrees upon any Mason who has not the requisite physical qualifications which will enable him to comply with all the ceremonies of the order.' If we remember correctly, we paid our respects to the action of the Grand Chapter at that time. We would just like to know how much of a man would have to be left out of which Michigan would make a Royal Arch Mason.''

And Companion CONOVER comes back and says:

''Answering your last query, Companion Core, I would say, a good head with some brains in it, and a good heart in the right place, and a unanimous ballot. It does not matter about the color of his hair nor whether he has none, like this writer. He can be bowlegged, and pigeontoed, nearsighted and hard of hearing, but with these various imperfections he can be a lover of the Lord, charitable and humane and ever ready to assist his more unfortunate Companions.''

And if we may believe the Christian Scientists, everything else is *no matter.*

Under Quebec we find the following, and notwithstanding the fact that we lay ourselves open to the charge of ''padding'' with scissors and paste-pot as our tools, the subject is of such great interest to Royal Arch Masons that we clip from the report of Companion E. T. D. CHAMBERS, comment by CONOVER and subsequent extract:

''It is estimated, after a close study of the latest returns available that there are today on the North American continent alone, no less than 3600 Royal Arch Chapters with an approximate membership of 450,000. Close upon 30,000 Companions were exalted during the last year in the United States, and Canada, the net increase in membership having been in the vicinity of 17,000.

''In spite of these figures he says it is far from encouraging to note that a very large proportion of Masons have never yet completed their knowledge of the secret teachings of the Master Mason's Degree. It is with pleasure

that he states he is able to present a very excellent pronouncement on the subject of one who speaks with considerable measure of authority, the General Grand High Priest of the United States, and then quotes the following from the address given before the Grand Chapter of Missouri:

"'It should never have been taken out of the Blue Lodge. It is a part of it, a component part of it, and the Blue Lodge system is imperfect without it, as most of you know. What is our duty to the Brother of the Third Degree? Shall we say to him, that the thing he most desired and for which he labored so long is hidden from him forever? He can never obtain it? May we not suggest to him that opportunity lies open before him, if he is the right kind of a man, that the mystery can be cleared up and the word sought revealed to him in all its significance and magnificance?

. . . . . .

"'If Royal Arch Masonry is worth anything is it right and proper to sit still and let those who come through the Blue Lodge remain crippled Masons, those not knowing the meaning of the Third Degree? Is it right to hold from them things that could be enjoyed and which you have enjoyed as much as any man in the world? Should it not be your duty to remove the film from your partly blind brother and help him clear up the mystery surrounding, inducing him to come and have revealed to him the beautiful symbolism of the Blue Lodge, now vague and indistinct?

"'I make these suggestions that you may consider them closely and seriously in the light of obligation due your lodge itself, for no one is a clear-minded and perfectly informed Master Mason until he has come inside the Chapter and had revealed to him things that were hidden.'"

And now we reach the conclusion. Companion CONOVER'S review is an admirable one and has had at least one interested reader, as the above extracts will amply attest. Have no fear, your review has not been in vain. We have found, and any reader will find "something of interest and some instruction on what is going on in the Capitular world."

We quote from his conclusion as follows:

"As writers of reviews we make hasty journeys to all parts of the world and in spirit sit interested listeners to the proceedings of the various Grand Chapters, note the similarity or dissimilarity of their ways and methods from

our own customs, pick an idea here and note a warning there. After the journey is over the pleasant memories of places and faces seen by the mind's eye linger in the mind and are stored away in Memory's storehouse to be brought forth when the city is visited or the faces brought to reality possibly later in life.

"I have reviewed all the proceedings that have reached my desk, several of them for two years.

"I desire to express my thanks to the reviewers who have so kindly extended congratulations and felicities to me on account of the General Grand Secretaryship, and I also appreciate the kind words of praise given on the arrangement of the Michigan proceedings. These 'should cause us to redouble our efforts with assiduity' and remove the remaining rubbish if any is found. I think one who occupies both positions of Grand Secretary and Correspondent is brought in closer touch with the work and the Capitular World at large than he could possibly be with either alone. Scarcely a proceedings is opened that does not give one any hint or a new idea that helps him work out something of still greater service to the Craft."

Albert J. Young, Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

Charles A. Conover, Right Excellent Grand Secretary. S. B.

MINNESOTA.

The Fifty-fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Minnesota was held in the Masonic Temple, in the city of St. Paul, commencing at ten A. M., on Tuesday, October 12, A. D. 1915, A. I. 2445.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Companion Benjamin A. Phillips, delivered the annual address. He acknowledges his thankfulness for the

blessings of peace and sympathizes with our "brethren across the sea . . . for their desolated homes, grieving hearts, devastated lands and interrupted life-pursuits."

He refers with loving tenderness to the deceased Companions of his own and other Jurisdictions.

Then he touches on the routine of his duties during the year in the appointment of Grand Representatives, the Dispensations issued, of Amendments to By-laws approved, his Visitations and installation of officers, a Chapter constituted, the installation of a Grand King. He reports the taking up of the charter of Relief Chapter and his action in connection with the Board of Custodians. No decisions were required and no recommendations made. He reports request for degrees and alludes to the Masonic War Relief Association. He approved the contribution of the unexpended balance of the Flood Fund, and then concludes as follows:

"Companions, a few hours will mark the close of my occupancy of the chair of Grand High Priest. I am thankful if I have been able to serve in any manner in this capacity. If mistakes have been made they are only human, for I have tried to the best of my ability to act for the best interests of our Order.

"To the officers I wish to extend my gratitude for the kind assistance they have rendered me while in office. Our Grand Secretary I cannot too highly praise for his untiring energy, courtesy and constant helpfulness. He has been indeed a strong pillar to lean upon.

"Finally, I would as a suppliant, petition the Omnipotent and Omnipresent High Priest for his blessing on our Order; that He be with us this day in our deliberations; that it may prosper in things spiritual and seek first always the Kingdom of Heaven."

The Grand Treasurer reports receipts of $5772.42 and disbursements of $6518.41, thus depleting his balance by $745.44; but with his cash balance he has a total of assets of $16,502.61.

The Grand Secretary reports a membership of 9496.

Following a graceful custom:

"The Grand High Priest called all the Grand Representatives present to the altar, extended them a cordial welcome and requested them to convey to the Grand Chapters which they represented the greetings of this Grand Chapter."

From the following resolution it would seem that Past High Priests are not members of the Grand Chapter:

"*Resolved*, That Section 2 of Article II of the Constitution be amended so to include as members, with privilege of voting in the Grand Chapter, all Minnesota Past High Priests in good standing in this Jurisdiction."

The usual statistical tables follow. We note also in the In Memoriam table

"Pennsylvania—Winfield Scott Bell, Grand King, Died August 16, 1914."

Then follows the report on *Foreign* Correspondence.

Under California (1915) we find this opinion, that

"The General Grand Chapter, as a junket, is a howling success. 'Only this, and nothing more.'"

This opinion seems to coincide with similar opinions expressed elsewhere. But we don't know anything about a General Grand Chapter from personal experience.

Re public installations we are told under Canada that

"Public installations in Minnesota are very simple affairs. The presiding officer declares the Lodge or Chapter open without form, the officers elect are presented in turn by the marshal, and the charges rehearsed from the Monitor. Members often bring their ladies for a social evening, a program is arranged, and refreshments served. Of course no men are invited other than Masons. The general term public is misleading, as they are strictly a Lodge or Chapter function."

Avaunt!

We clip the following under Iowa:

"As previously explained, the noon hour is the only time we have. The degree is given in full; the opening and closing in short form. Another quarter of an hour might be used to advantage, but workers must eat, and there you are. After all, the Convention is but a side show, even with a Past Grand High Priest at the head of it.

"A newspaper experience dating from 1860 has taught us that the news outranks the editorials, and are the first read. Furthermore, much of the opinion advanced by reviewers is based upon the lack of uniformity existing between the several Jurisdictions, a condition scarcely improved by controversy over technicalities.

"For instance, under Maine, Companion Cleveland states that a Mark Master's Lodge in Iowa is a Royal Arch Chapter, and that a Mark Master from England could not visit it because he is not a Royal Arch Mason. We do not agree with his premises, for the basis is wrong to our way of thinking. Still, an Iowa Chapter would probably accept a petition from the English Mark Master for the remaining degrees. Other examples of differences in procedure might be cited, but what's the use?"

The last paragraph, somehow, reminds us of the story of the lady who took her pet cat on the train.

The conductor, seeing the cat, told the lady it must be put in the baggage car. The lady remonstrated and called the conductor's attention to another passenger, who had with him a turtle. "Can't help it," said the conductor, "turtles is insects, but a cat is a dog."

"A Mark Master's Lodge in Iowa is a *Royal Arch Chapter" (sic).*

Pennsylvania is fraternally reviewed for the years 1913 and 1914, and for Companion TODD lengthy quotations are made. As a condenser Companion TODD is beyond compare, but he gives us the juice. We also gather that he does not like the obituary as a part of the Grand High Priest's address. And we agree with him.

The Alberta question is dismissed in five and two-thirds lines under Utah:

"In our opinion the Companions of Alberta made a serious mistake in not inviting the Grand Chapter of Canada to constitute the new body, and one that is costing them dearly. Their act is universally looked upon as secession from a body to whom they owed allegiance, and they have no standing whatever in the Masonic world. Eventually they may be healed, but the Grand Chapter of Canada alone can do it."

At the end of the review Companion TODD says: "Fraternally submitted." As old man Weller said to his son Sammy, *re* the ending of his Valentine: "That's rather a sudden pull up, ain't it, Sammy?" And we might answer in Sam's words: "Not a bit on

it'' (we wish there was more, and), ''that's the great art o' letter writin'.''

James R. Morton, Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

John Fishel, Right Excellent Grand Secretary.
S. B.

MISSISSIPPI.

The Sixty-seventh Annual Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Mississippi, was held in Odd Fellows' Hall, in the city of Vicksburg, on Thursday, February 18, 1915, at ten o'clock A. M.

The Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion Robert Somerville, delivered the annual address, which opens in a high vein of reverence and adoring trustfulness as may be seen from the following extract:

''By the mercies of God, which, like manna to Israel of old, have come fresh every morning, with sustaining strength for the duties and trials of each day, we have advanced day by day through another year in our onward journey to the promised land of a full and complete understanding of Divine truth and righteousness, and are now met in our Sixty-seventh Annual Grand Convocation to which I bid you, one and all, a hearty welcome, trusting that our assembling may strengthen the ties of friendship and tend to advance the welfare of Capitular Masonry throughout our State. But have we indeed advanced through the year that has passed, or have we instead camped by the wayside in slothful ease, or ignorantly wandered back and forth, so that today we are no nearer the haven of rest than we were a year ago? If we have really made progress in an upward and onward course, we may thank God that His grace has not been bestowed upon us in vain, if we have not, we should humble ourselves

before Him, search the Sacred Word afresh, as we have so often promised ourselves and each other to do, and amend our lives by taking heed thereto.

"Peace has prevailed throughout our State and country, but the shadow caused by the terrible war in Europe has reached to our shores and darkened nearly every precinct in this highly favored land of ours. It has caused commercial and industrial depression; has filled the hearts of our people with anguish, because of the suffering and sorrow that has befallen such a large part of the human family, and, perhaps worst of all, has been a distinct disappointment to those who held high hopes of advancing civilization that would eventually eliminate war among enlightened nations. It shows that even the most enlightened of mankind have not when aided by reason alone, learned to subdue the passions of malice and hatred, and have failed to sufficiently cultivate the virtue of brotherly love. But while we cannot shut our eyes to the reality of the sanguinary conflict that is being waged and to the destructive forces that are tearing down much of the best work of centuries of peace and good will, we may rightly foresee the end of these calamities and feel certain that in time right will prevail and order will be brought out of the present confusion by an All Wise Ruler of mankind. We read in the Book of Psalms, 'Surely the wrath of man shall praise thee,' and while some of the older ones of this generation may not live to see the fulfillment of this promise in the present situation, I doubt not there are those here present that will."

The death of our Most Excellent Grand Scribe, the late Companion SAMUEL LAUGHLIN, is noted in the necrological list.

Dispensation for a new Chapter as Iuka was granted.

On the subject of Official Visits he winds up with these familiar words, familiar from their being uttered by almost every Grand High Priest from Maine to Texas and from the Atlantic to the Pacific; here they are:

"I fully intended to visit several other Chapters, but in the summer, when I had spare time, the weather was unsuitable, and in the fall and winter I could not leave my business."

Much like the Irishman's roof which wasn't repaired because when it was raining he couldn't repair it, and when it was dry it didn't need it.

He recommends

"That the Grand High Priest be furnished a private seal for use on such occasions as he considers proper. There are some papers, such as Special Dispensations, which do not go through the Grand Secretary's office, that would appear more formal if his seal was affixed."

Now in Pennsylvania we are strong on seals. The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter has a seal; the Grand High Priest has a seal, and the Grand Secretary has a seal. Selah!

The Grand Treasurer is on Easy Street, with a balance of $7075.26.

Re the Grand High Priest's seal we learn further on that

"We, your Committee, to whom was referred that part of Grand High Priest's Address in regard to a private seal, beg leave to report, that we have considered that part of his address and recommend that a private seal be procured for the Grand High Priest's Office."

Before taking up the report on Foreign Correspondence we want to compliment the R. E. Grand Secretary, Companion Frederic Gordon Speed, on the *get-up* of Mississippi's Proceedings for the Sixty-seventh Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter of Mississippi.

The type is clear and readable, the matter interesting, the statistical tables full and reflecting the

careful and judgmatical methods of the "man behind the gun."

Companion Oliver Lee McKay presents the Report on Correspondence. It, too, is painstaking and readable, if not quotable.

He says:

"In compiling the within review, we have endeavored to bring to bear our very best judgment in placing before you the most important transactions of the various Grand Chapters from the standpoint of general interest and instruction. In this spirit, we approach the Jurisdiction of our native heath."

Under Missouri he quotes from the Most Excellent Grand High Priest's Address, as follows:

"Freemasonry has come down to us through the centuries, in principle and in great truths, unaffected by the mutations of time or fortune and rising superior to passion and prejudice; an exemplification of that sentiment: 'Get but the truth once uttered, and it is like a star new-born, that drops into its place, and which, once circling in its placid round, not all the tumult of the earth can shake.' It should be our watchful and jealous care to see that no inroads or innovations are made upon the great and fundamental principles of our order. We recognize the inherent and inalienable right of every Companion to adopt for himself his dogmas, creeds and doctrines, not in conflict with the great fundamental truths of Freemasonry, and to decide for himself his political affiliations. As an Order, thus far we can go, and no further, if we expect and hope to transmit our mysteries with scrupulous purity to those who come after us."

And then comments in the following words:

"We quite agree with our distinguished Companion that no inroads or innovations should be permitted upon the great and fundamental principles of our institution, yet we must confess there is a strong tendency to do this, especially among the 'Ritualistic tinkerers,' and 'would-be reformists,' who seem to be unable to differentiate between the great Institution of Freemasonry and the so-called fraternal orders which spring up in the night season, like a mushroom."

Pennsylvania passes under his keen and critical eye, which sees and notes everything, and then he quotes from Companion CORE's review with the following comment:

"We excerpt from Companion Core's introductory, which contains our own views on the subjects discussed so much better than we could have expressed them. We regret to note tendency to confuse the tradition of our Masonic Institution with those of modern day fraternal organizations and am glad to note that one so well qualified to speak on the subject as our distinguished Companion has sounded the note of warning."

In conclusion of his report he says:

"A retrospect of our very pleasant journey through the fields of Capitular endeavor during the year just closed, taken by slow stages, as it were, to lengthen the delights of congenial companionship, reveals a superabundance of peace, good-fellowship, and prosperity coupled with the utmost harmony everywhere abounding; in fact, to such an extent is this so, that your correspondent finds so little to report outside of routine business, largely of local interest, as to render his task a difficult one."

CLARENCE S. CULLENS, Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

FREDERIC GORDON SPEED, Right Excellent Grand Secretary.

S. B.

MISSOURI.

The Sixty-ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri was called to order at ten o'clock A. M., Tuesday, April 27, A. D. 1915, A. I. 2445, in the Scottish Rite Cathedral, Joplin, Mo.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion MARTIN T. BALSLEY, delivered the annual address. It is a comprehensive presentation of his work and service during the year. From its opening we quote the following:

"I trust that with warm hearts, noble purposes and fraternal fellowship we assemble today in this, our Sixty-ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri. The pleasure of meeting at this time is intensified by the many evidences of prosperity which our records disclose as the result of labors which, blended together, bid us rejoice.

"When you a year ago honored me with the highest position in your gift, I felt keenly the responsibility of the great and important work before me. With the past full of victories won by faithful devotion to the tenets of our Order, I was reminded of the time when Solomon ascended his father's throne, and God said to him, 'What shall I give thee?' Remembering how the glory of his father had followed him, walking in Truth, in righteousness and uprightness of heart before Jehovah, he wisely answered, 'Give me wisdom and knowledge, that I may go out and come in before this people with a wisdom equal to my predecessor.'

"Knowing that these duties represented the highest trust ever confided to the keeping of man, I resolved to follow that excellent Masonic maxim and do as best I could those things which would properly devolve upon me to do. I have endeavored to merit the honor thus conferred and overcome the responsibility by doing my duty. I congratulate you, my Companions, on the happy and prosperous condition of the Royal Craft, peace and harmony existing throughout the entire Jurisdiction. I will now present to you a résumé of my official acts and trust they will meet with your approval."

From his decisions we quote the following, to show how diametrically opposite views obtain on the question of "physical perfection":

Question.—"A Brother whose left hand had been taken off at the wrist, using the stub as a hand in all sorts of work, was made a Master Mason a few years ago with the consent of the Grand Master of Missouri. Could he be made a Royal Arch Mason?"

Answer.—"Section 126, Constitution and By-laws, 1911, provides that the Capitular Degrees may be conferred on anyone who can, by the aid of physical appliances, conform to the necessary ceremonies. I hold that the Brother is eligible for the Chapter Degrees."

Under the caption "Recommendations" we find this admirable paragraph:

"It is an unwelcome fact that many Royal Arch Masons do not understand the relation that exists between the Master's Degree and the Royal Arch. This, out of necessity, is equally true of the Master Mason, the majority of whom see no reason why they should take the Chapter Degrees, except that they lead to the Commandery and the Shrine. The Master Mason has no way of knowing that the Royal Arch is the finishing, the completeness of the Master's Degree; that the Royal Arch is a part of Ancient Craft Masonry; its summit, in which is found the central idea of Freemasonry, the Master's Word. The average Master Mason enters the Chapter through solicitation, and often the solicitor does not know, neither can he give, a reason why the Master Mason should join the Chapter. Here is a wide field for a campaign of education which, if properly conducted, will result in an intelligent increase of Chapter membership, and those who enter will know why the Royal Arch is necessary to a full understanding of the Master's Degree. Information means progress."

The Grand Treasurer is happy with a bank balance of $20,508.55.

The Grand Secretary makes the following statistical report:

Number of Chartered Chapters		107
Number of members December 31, 1913		14,103
Number Exalted	1,060	
Number Affiliated	127	
Number Reinstated	54	1,241
Total		15,344
Number suspended for non-payment of dues	214	
Number expelled	5	
Number dimitted	232	
Number died	190	641
Number of members December 31, 1914		14,703
Net gain		600

The Grand Secretary, on the subject of having to pay out of his own pocket or "stand off" the printer, says:

"The method prescribed by the law of the Grand Chapter for carrying the requirement into effect is lame and works a hardship on either the printer or the Grand Secretary, in that the printer must wait for his money until the last book is delivered and paid for, or the Grand Secretary must fudge the treasury for the expense when the books are delivered by the printer. The relief remedy is for the Finance Committee to make an appropriation of about $50.00 in the regular list annually, so that the printer may be paid promptly and the Grand Secretary relieved from the responsibility of paying out money of the Grand Chapter without an appropriation. The condition arises from the fact that Secretaries of Chapters fail to respond promptly when advised that the receipts are ready, and in some cases it has required four or five letters begging remittance that the books might be mailed out and obligation paid. They were ready for delivery December 1, 1914, and the last delivery was accomplished February 27, 1915. It was worse in 1914; the last two books were sent out March 18, 1914, without a remittance and one of them is yet unpaid."

In every Jurisdiction there must always be numberless items requiring immediate cash, and it is probable that, as in the case above, it is the Secretary who puts his hand in his pocket to pay them.

Why not have the Finance Committee or the Committee that makes the estimates for the year appropriate a sum sufficient to cover these expenses, the amount to be carried as an asset under the caption "Imprest Cash"? This fund would be in the safe under the care of the Secretary and in a book properly ruled the disbursements should be entered as made and vouchers secured when possible, the account to be audited the same as any other disbursements of Grand Chapter. When a sufficient amount had been expended, a Warrant should be drawn for the specific amounts spent, and the fund restored to its original sum. Then no one would have to wait; the Secretary would not have to advance the funds

for Grand Chapter expenditures, and there would be an audit at the proper time.

And, by the way, Missouri has a Public Accountant as Auditor.

The Grand Lecturer, Companion L. E. VOGELSANG, notwithstanding his handicap, made an admirable report. His conclusion shows to what extent his trials operated to distress him:

"My Companions, the past year was a very trying one for me, and if your Chapter was not among those visited by me I want to assure you that it was not because I loved the others more or you less.

"Fate laid a heavy hand on me and dealt harshly with me the latter part of 1914, and the first part of 1915.

"Three times I had reached the point where the routes diverge, but the Almighty Jehovah, who was conducting me as Principal Sojourner, guided me over rough and rugged roads back to comparative health."

We congratulate you on your return to what you call "comparative" health, and trust that the days will soon bring you back to vigor and the happiness that health alone can bring.

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence has no signature, but Companion REV. JOHN H. MILLER prepared it, and he starts out by giving a few

POINTERS.

"In Canada certain Royal Arch Masons of the Province of Alberta made an attempt, during 1914, to organize a Grand Chapter to be known as the Grand Chapter of Alberta, without consulting the Grand Chapter of Canada.

"In Connecticut a Chapter was instructed to hold in abeyance an application for degrees until the petitioner could procure an artificial arm, and prove that by its use he could comply with the requirements.

"In Indiana a Chapter conferred all of the degrees belonging to

Royal Arch Masonry on thirty-eight candidates between 10.30 a. m. and 7.00 p. m.

"In Ireland the Grand King takes the highest rank among the Grand Officers, the Deputy Grand King next, and the Grand High Priest stands third in the line.

"In Kansas rules were adopted for the proper reception of different grades of distinguished Royal Arch Masons.

"In Massachusetts the Fraternal Correspondent raises the question as to whether progression in office is wise, and in the Conclusion of his report argues in opposition to the system which gradually advances the Grand Master of the First Veil until he becomes Grand High Priest.

"In Mississippi two venerable Companions were made Honorary Past Grand High Priests.

"In Oklahoma the Grand Secretary made the effort to abolish reports on Fraternal Correspondence.

"In Quebec the statement is made that some Royal Arch Masons lift and others lean.

"In Scotland at a Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter, a Scotch Lord gave his idea of American Masonry.

"In South Dakota the Grand High Priest was requested to make a Royal Arch Mason on sight of a Brother who had recently been rejected on applying for the Capitular Degrees.

"In West Virginia a newly elected Grand High Priest rebelled against the system in use in that Grand Jurisdiction in appointing officers."

This is pretty good. This is the essence of his review; the "milk in the cocoanut," and the gist of what he saw on his journey. Very little else to quote, but here under Minnesota he says:

"Companion Irving Todd, however, is an expert along two lines, namely, the elimination of everything except the most important, and the statement of facts in so few words that one wonders how he does it."

And now hear him shout:

"To be a Missourian is one of the grandest privileges that the good Providence ever provides for any mortal. To be 'thoroughly westernized' is one of the greatest accomplishments any human being can ever attain. It is said that there are some people who would rather live in Missouri than die and go to Heaven. The way the people flock into Missouri from all the States (Minnesota included) and Territories of the United States, shows that they want to be citizens of our commonwealth."

But the shout has a musical ring, and we echo it, for we, too, by descent, have Western blood in our veins.

For fear some one else won't do it, we extract, under Quebec, the following lines:

"'There are two kinds of people on earth today
(Just two kinds of people, no more I say).
Not the saint or the sinner, for 'tis well understood,
The good are half bad, and the bad are half good.
Not the rich or the poor, for, to count a man's wealth,
You must first know the state of his conscience and health.
Not the happy or sad, for the swift flying years,
Bring to each man his laughter and to each man his tears.
No; the two kinds of people on earth I mean
Are the people who lift and the people who lean.

"'And, go where you will throughout the world's masses,
You'll find them divided into these two classes.
And, oddly enough, you'll find too, I ween,
There's only one lifter, to twenty who lean!
In which class are you? Are you easing the load
Of over-taxed lifters who toil down the road;
Or, are you a leaner, who lets others bear
YOUR part of the labor and worry and care?'"

We are sorry Companion MILLER didn't get a chance at Pennsylvania.

We all want to, or ought to, so let's join in

"THE GRAND SMILE.

"A faint knock on my study door attracted my attention while at work on this last page. On opening the door, a slight figure, more like a tiny section of a white cloud than aught else, swept past as if driven by the wind to the nearest chair. Looking across the table on which were the scattered sheets of my report, it said, in as sweet a voice as I ever heard:

"'Don't you know me? I'm the Grand Smile of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Missouri, and was commissioned to attend you on your imaginary journey around the world, that it might be made plain

that the Royal Arch Masons of Missouri are the best-natured, most genial, warmest-hearted men under the sun, and desire their Companions in all lands to have sunshine and good-cheer in their hearts all the time. Hence my mission. I smiled when in imagination you heard the addresses of the Grand High Priests, listened to the orations of the Grand Orators and looked on the banqueting tables, ablaze with light and abloom with flowers, around which were gathered the distinguished of all lands. And now I've come to request you to join in a final smile of cheer and encouragement to every Royal Arch Mason beneath the blue sky. Will you do it?'

"My answer is that I will, and will add the following good wish for every Companion the world over:

" 'The Lord bless thee, and keep thee;
The Lord make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee;
The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.' "

OLAF A. LUCAS, Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

ROBERT F. STEVENSON, Right Excellent Grand Secretary. S. B.

NEBRASKA, 1914.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska assembled in its Forty-eighth Annual Convocation, in Freemasons' Hall, Omaha, at four o'clock in the afternoon of Wednesday, December 16, A. I. 2444, A. D. 1914.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion JAMES TYLER, delivered the annual address.

He strikes a high, clear note in opening—listen:

". . . with unwavering trust in the Great I am, the Sovereign Grand Master of the Universe, who is a strong tower of defense to all those who put

their trust in Him, let us ask Him to guide and direct us in all our undertakings. Let us also in the exercise of these purposes as the representatives of Capitular Masonry of this Grand Jurisdiction, enter upon the duties of this convocation with zeal and fidelity for the service of the Great Brotherhood.''

The Grand Treasurer is happy with a cash balance of $8834.36, and the Grand Secretary agrees with him as to the correctness of this balance.

On the subject of cost of maintaining the Nebraska Masonic Home, we clip the following, which is of interest:

''Counting those who were there for a full year, and those for part of the time, would average about forty-three for a full year. The cost of maintaining a resident for the full year was approximately $265.36, being an increase of $24.12 over the year 1912. A good proportion of the increase can be accounted for in necessary care of the sick.

''Total cost of food was $4,551.32, less amount on hand December 31, $411.00, a net cost of $4,140.32.

''The average number of residents for the year was 437 7/100; average number of residents and employees and including meals furnished visitors 584 3/100; a per capita food cost of $5.87 as against $6.54 for last year.''

The Grand Secretary, R. E. Companion Francis E. White, furnishes the following statistics:

All Chapters have made returns and paid the amount due the Grand Chapter, and the accounts have been closed for the year ending October 31, 1914. Doric Chapter No. 50 did not send in the full amount due until December 9, 1914, and Furnas Chapter No. 9 has not furnished information in regard to the standing of one of its members.

Number of chartered chapters	54
Number of extinct chapters	5
Number of chapters under dispensation	0
Total	59

Number advanced	370		
Number passed	373		
Number received and acknowledged	369		
Number exalted		359	
Number admitted		35	
Number reinstated		10	
Number gained by other causes		19	
Gain			423
Number demitted		70	
Number deceased		62	
Number suspended		104	
Number lost by other causes		18	
Loss			254
Net Gain			169
Number of Royal Arch Masons, November 1, 1913			4,770
Number of Royal Arch Masons, November 1, 1914			4,939

From the addenda we extract the following items of interest:

"Each Chapter shall pay annually to the Grand Chapter on or before the tenth day of November, for each Companion exalted, the sum of three dollars ($3.00); for each member on the rolls as shown by the printed table of statistics, the sum of fifty cents. Returns in duplicate and the amount due the Grand Chapter may be sent at any time between November 1st and 5th, and the Grand Secretary shall add as a penalty one cent per day for each member shown in the printed table of statistics against all Chapters that neglect to send in their returns and pay the amount of their indebtedness to the Grand Chapter, on or before November 10th of the current year.

"The fiscal year of this jurisdiction shall begin on the first day of November and end on the thirty-first day of October, and each chartered Chapter shall make its annual return to the Grand Chapter and pay its Grand Chapter fees and dues on or before November 10th of each year." 1907—740.

"Chapters are forbidden to enact laws creating life membership or exempting members from the payment of dues. All such laws heretofore enacted are null and void." 1911—455.

"A Companion who was a member in good standing of a Chapter at the time it became extinct, and remains unaffiliated, shall, for one year after the Chapter ceases to exist, remain and be deemed in good standing, and shall have the same rights and privileges as members of a regular

Chapter. But should he fail to pay his dues to the Grand Secretary, and procure a demit within such year, he shall be notified by letter, sent to his last known address by the Grand Secretary at least thirty days before the next ensuing annual convocation of the Grand Chapter, to show cause to the Grand Chapter, if any he may have, why he has not paid his dues and secured a demit, and if he fail to appear or answer he may be suspended.'' 1911—456.

Companion CHARLES J. PHELPS, that veteran Reviewer with twenty-three scalps to his belt, submits the report on Foreign Correspondence. He says:

''The writer submits this his twenty-third annual report on correspondence, including a review of all proceedings which have reached him.''

The report has no ''Conclusion,'' it simply ends.

He goes from Alabama to Wyoming, reviewing forty-five Jurisdictions in thirty-nine pages, but his table of statistics shows fifty-three, if we have counted right.

The Reviewer sees and he notes, very often he quotes, and then, by the way, he has nothing to say. He gives all the news, but none of his views; a reviewer quite noted, but he cannot be quoted.

His style is what may be called the inventory style. He names all the goods on the shelves, but doesn't say whether they are good or bad.

BURT L. SPELLMAN, Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

FRANCIS E. WHITE, Most Excellent Grand Secretary. S. B.

NEBRASKA.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska assembled in its Forty-ninth Annual Convocation, in Freemasons' Hall, Omaha, at four o'clock in the afternoon of Wednesday, December 15, A. I. 2445, A. D. 1915.

In Nebraska it appears that a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons is opened in *Full Form,* and that after a Roll Call to ascertain the presence of a constitutional number of Subordinate Chapters, the Grand Chapter is "declared duly opened."

M. E. Companion BURT L. SPELLMAN, the Grand High Priest, then read his address. He welcomes those present, acknowledges the great gifts of peace and prosperity, and says the past year was one of "unusual activity in Capitular Masonry" in Nebraska, and then proceeds with the record of his administration.

Of the report on Foreign Correspondence he says:

"For a number of years Past Grand High Priest Charles J. Phelps has prepared the report on Foreign Correspondence. Owing to his death it became necessary to make arrangements for the report for this year, and at my request Past Grand High Priest Frank E. Bullard, a member of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, consented to write a review for this year. I suggest that the entire subject of reviews should be considered by the Grand Chapter. If they are to be continued the Companion who writes them ought to have some idea as to what the Grand Chapter wants. The length of the report and what it is to contain might be part of the subject worthy of your consideration.

"I am heartily in favor of continuing the review if it can be kept down to a reasonable number of pages and contain only such subjects as are of interest to the whole Fraternity."

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance of $9159.28.

The Grand Secretary says of the Masonic Home:

"A pamphlet containing the transactions for the year 1914 was sent to all Past Grand High Priests and to all Chapters in the Grand Jurisdiction, which gave full and complete information as to the affairs at the Home for the calendar year of 1914. As a new pamphlet will be issued in January, it is not deemed advisable to give very much in the way of details for the year 1915. A few items, however, may be of interest. Of the 782 shares of stock issued, the Grand Chapter owns 110. The Girls Home at Fremont has been erected, and the girls will probably spend Christmas in it. There are at present at the Home at Plattsmouth twenty-one men, eighteen women, and eleven boys, and there are nine girls at the Home in Fremont, a total of fifty-nine. The Order of the Eastern Star pays for most of the care of the boys and girls. In addition to those cared for at the two Homes, the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, gives various sums to about thirty-five brethren, their widows, and families, where a little help is needed.

"There were six deaths at the Home in the year 1914, and three in 1915. Including the children, twenty-four were admitted to the Home during the year 1914, and nine have been admitted so far this year."

The Secretary is entitled to great praise for the "get up" of the proceedings. The type is clear and the text readable. This Jurisdiction is the only one that has its proceedings bound in a stiff back and its color is red.

The inevitable banquet closed the first day's session.

The Committee on the Nebraska Home, among other things, says:

"We found the Home in fine condition, everything neat and clean, and good feeling prevailing among the residents, and all agreeing that they were receiving good treatment and were as comfortable as things could be made for them. We had a visit with each of the residents in his room, and not a word of complaint was made against either the management or conditions. They especially expressed their thankfulness for the efforts in their behalf. All seem to have a warm feeling for both our worthy Companion Askwith and his estimable wife."

Nebraska is about to celebrate its fiftieth anniversary.

Past Grand High Priest M. E. Companion Frank E. Bullard prepared the Report on Correspondence. He opens by saying:

"We present this, our first and perhaps our last review of the proceedings of the several Grand Chapters with which we have been furnished, and with which we enjoy fraternal relations, with considerable trepidation. It is not an easy task to even attempt to fill the place of so gifted a predecessor as our lamented Companion Charles J. Phelps, who for many years had devoted much time and thought to Ancient Craft and Capitular Masonry, and whose personal acquaintance among the Guild must have been widely extended. In later years we have also to a degree lost touch with the Capitular branch, confining the little leisure at our command almost entirely to the lodge; and not least, we were not asked to undertake the work until about two months previous to our Grand Convocation.

"However (we won't admit we have done our best) we have made a stagger at it, and commit ourself to the tender mercy of the Guild. In reviewing the proceedings we have purposely omitted any reference to the subject of necrology, although it occupies much and deserving space in all the proceedings coming to our notice. Having almost reached the allotted span of life, we have come to regard death as merely an incident, a step in trust to a more expanded life, and so we say of the illustrious dead of all our Grand Jurisdictions in the words of the Committee on Memorials from the Grand Chapter of Maine:

"These, then, are of that ever increasing host who have ceased to be fellow-laborers with us. With their mourning Companions we sympathize and to them we would say

"'Death is birth,
Birth to a better, higher life,
From earth's poor hour of care and strife.'

"We have also refrained from comment upon the general style and get up of the several proceedings. We find them as to our ideas of taste, good, bad, and indifferent. Many, perhaps most, are embellished with the *facsimile* of the bright, fine looking Companions who are the leaders of the Craft in their jurisdiction. Some of them are fine specimens of typography from every point of view, and others by comparison are pretty crude, but some of the plainest are found to contain the richest gems of Masonic thought. We are gratified to find practically nothing anywhere for reference to a Committee on Grievances, and but little of which the several Committees on Jurisprudence could not approve."

Under District of Columbia *re* mere numbers we clip with our hearty approval the following:

"The Grand High Priest reported that with the exception of three, the Chapters had not prospered, that is they had lost in numbers — that does not mean anything to us. A Chapter with a dozen members may really be more prosperous than another with a hundred. *It is richness in character and Masonic worth that counts.*"

(The italics are ours.)

Under Pennsylvania we clip the following:

"Emphasizing the truth never to be lost sight of, that quality is more desirable than quantity, he (the Grand High Priest) deplores the small percentage of Master Masons (using his words) who stop in the house of adoption, and do not go on until they have reached the summit and perfection of Ancient Craft Masonry, and he thinks Royal Arch Masons should be missionaries in an effort to increase the percentage.

"We regret, or perhaps it were better to say a word in opposition to the theory advanced. Admitting that unworthy members must, from the very nature of the Masonic constitution, form a very small percentage of lodge membership, we submit that the term worthy or unworthy is capable

of more than one construction. As a requisite for initiation, the worthiness of the candidate depends upon his character as a citizen, a husband, a father or son. Is he moral, and upright and honest? If he measures up to our standard in these respects, we admit him, but we do not know and have no means of knowing that he will ever be a *worthy Mason.* We admit him and offer him an opportunity to build upon his own good and sound moral foundation a spiritual temple to the honor of the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, but we do not know, and have no means of knowing, that he will avail himself of it. It is our very candid belief, based on more than forty years of experience and observation, that but an exceedingly small proportion of our initiates ever become *worthy Masons.* The great majority of course continue to be decent and moral men and citizens, but in the Masonic world, they are ignorant and idle and indifferent: the sublimity of our precepts and principles does not move them; the deeper and concealed teaching of our symbols is lost to them. Rather than proselyte for greater Chapter membership, we would vigorously exclude all who had not by their *Masonic life* and *character* proved their worthiness and who did not of their own volition, ask the conclusion of the tragedy, and seek for further light.''

How is that for a pessimistic view of the Lodge membership? But is it a correct view? We doubt it. It is our misfortune that we see the superficial side of our brethren, the social side. But there is another side, a deep, still reverent side, that is seen only in times of sorrow or stress; a serious side, that almost makes of Freemasonry a religion. To see beyond the symbol to the thing symbolized, may not be given to all our brethren, but get under the crust and you will learn that the points of fellowship mean more than a ceremony of initiation to the great majority of them.

When the Royal Arch Degree was a part of the Lodge ceremony, the Masonic teaching was perfected in that final ceremony. The full support of these

teachings cannot be understood without this summit and perfection of Ancient Craft Masonry.

Further on, in his review of Pennsylvania, the Reviewer says:

> "We are obliged to admit that the statistics and financial reports are not quite clear to us, but we suspect that they have assets of about $41,000.00 and that their membership is 35,118."

We suspect that they (the statistics and financial reports) must have been clear, or he could not so accurately have hit upon the assets and membership.

At the September Quarterly the report of the Trustees is shown to be full and explicit, and the Secretary's report, at the same Quarterly, shows the membership for the year ending December 27, 1913, and a subsequent table at the end of the compilation in the Appendix shows the membership up to December 27, 1914.

M. E. Companion Bullard's report is readable throughout and shows that he was "a chiel among (us) takin' notes."

Chauncey L. Wattles, Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

Francis E. White, Right Excellent Grand Secretary.

S. B.

NEVADA.

The Forty-second Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nevada was opened in the Masonic Temple, in Reno, on Monday, the seventh day of June, A. I. 2445, at twelve o'clock noon.

The Grand Captain of the Host presented the Grand Representatives at the Altar. They were then welcomed by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest in these words:

"It is the custom at this time to welcome in a formal manner the representatives of the various Jurisdictions with which our Grand Chapter is in fraternal relation. It gives me pleasure to welcome you now, and I would dispense with all the formality possible that we may feel in the fullest measure the fraternal spirit which it is intended should be inculcated at these Convocations. While you are the representatives of other Jurisdictions, yet we are not strangers, for with many of us the pathways of life frequently cross. It is my desire therefore that the welcome extended to you shall be in full dignity with the positions you hold, yet seasoned with the savor of the closest friendship.

"In your positions as Grand Representatives you are the accredited ambassadors from the several Jurisdictions, and given the work of maintaining cordial communication. It is a high duty with which you are charged, and one of weighty responsibility, even these facts may not be evident on a casual survey of your duties. By the exchange of representatives we try to draw our different Jurisdictions into closer relations, and a more perfect harmony. The world owes much to those who preach the gospel of peace and harmony, and in these days of the world's great trial, when as never before, men professing a common interest in humanity and claiming the same divine inspiration, bitterly seek to destroy each other, and instead of offering the refreshing cup of cold water to those brethren who are weary of the burden and heat of the day, they present the bitter cup of death, it is vastly more encumbent on us to exemplify the spirit of love and co-operation to the end that the tree of life may bear its most perfect fruit. Let us be impressed with the fact that Masonry is a peaceful organization, that its hosts are armed only with the sword of righteousness; that it stands for a good order in civil society that shall be four-square with all the world.

With these ends in view let us be diligent in our efforts to promote the general welfare.

"Again I would express the pleasure I have in welcoming you at this time."

The M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion WALTER E. PRATT, delivered the annual address.

Of Visitations he says:

"Although ours is one of the smallest Jurisdictions in membership, yet it is one of the largest in area, making visitation of the Subordinate Chapters difficult and expensive. The Grand Chapter makes no appropriation for the expenses of the Grand High Priest in visiting the Chapters. I have not visited as many of our Chapters as it was my intention to do."

There are ten Chapters, with a membership of 484, about one-third the size of Oriental Royal Arch Chapter No. 183, of this Jurisdiction.

The Grand High Priest did not visit as many of these as he intended to do, and he said to his successor "you do it."

He issued several circular letters to the Subordinate Chapters, touching on the work in the Chapters, forbidding smoking behind tyled doors. He says that

"Lax methods and incompetency should not be tolerated, but the business and work of the Chapter should be conducted with method, snap and precision. When such becomes the ruling motive of the Convocations, the interest of the members is sure to be reflected in the increased attendance."

And said:

"I recommend that if there is not sufficient improvement before the next Annual Convocation, that the necessary action be taken at that time to compel the officers, at least the three principal officers, to show a suitable proficiency by examination or otherwise, before they can be installed into office."

He thinks that

"It is desirable that the Minutes of meetings of the Chapters conform to a certain standard, so far as is practicable, and I recommend that a printed form in outline be supplied to the Secretaries to guide them in their work. I submit herewith a form and recommend its adoption and that it be printed."

Pennsylvania has a "Form of Minutes" that works admirably.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance of $893.67. The receipts were $730.50, and the disbursements $701.19.

The Grand Secretary says:

"All Chapters have made returns for the year and all dues have been paid for the year."

And

"The returns show a gain of eight. This at least is a step forward. The loss by death and removals amounted to twenty. Our correspondence with the Grand Chapters of the world has been maintained and we are in fraternal fellowship with all."

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported:

"We, your Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred the question as to whether the dues of a Royal Arch Mason, suspended for non-payment of dues, could be remitted by his Subordinate Chapter, beg leave to report that we find nothing in the law of our Grand Chapter to warrant such remission. We recommend, however, that the law be amended so as to enable a Subordinate Chapter to remit the dues of a Companion so suspended, and also all dues accruing during suspension, by the consent of three-fourths of the members present at a regular Convocation, said consent to be expressed by ballot."

Wouldn't do in Pennsylvania.

The "Review of the Proceedings of Sister Jurisdictions" comes from the pen of the Right Excellent Grand Secretary and Chairman of the Committee, Companion EDWARD D. VANDERLIETH. Just how the Jurisdictions of a fraternity can become sisters we don't just see. Why not say other? Or what is the matter with putting a "Br" to it and calling them "Brother"? But we prefer "other."

We like his opening words:

"As we take up our staff for our seventh annual journey along the roads that wind in and out among the Jurisdictions of the Royal Craft, we call to mind our instruction that the true end and aim of the Craftsmen are light and truth. One of the purposes of the Sojourner is to keep up the interests in the search for these objects, and the ideals that spring therefrom. Every good and commanding movement in the annals of the world is the triumph of enthusiasm. Nothing great was ever accomplished without it, said Emerson. Therefore in our journeyings we shall strive to bring not only fresh ideas, but a new enthusiasm that the great work of the Royal Craft may go on, and on. In the recording of matters of interest we shall cling to good humor; if critical, to be so with tolerance, and above all to be useful. Life must be full of inspiration. Masonry by its teachings seeks to illiminate, and to give relief and joy. Let us endeavor, Companions, to double its richness and power, and to widen its ennobling influence. What we shall here set down we hope will be read and prove of benefit.

"'Tis yet high day, thy staff resume
And fight fresh battles for the truth.'"

Asking pardon for the slang, we say, "That's the stuff."

Under Arkansas he says:

"He (the Grand High Priest) refused to permit a Chapter to lend its Ark to be used in teaching a class in Sunday School We have triangles, gavels, squares and compasses and bibles traveling over this country, why could not the Ark be trusted to take a trip of a few squares?"

And then under California:

"Masonry is indeed a vital force and its influence for good, ever widening, is like the story of the lighting of the torches from the tomb of Christ on Easter time. The Church of the Holy Sepulchre is still buried in the darkness of night. The patriarch passes into the building and into the place where they claim the body of the Saviour once lay. He soon returns with a lighted torch. From dark torch to dark torch the first passes, each in turn blazing out until the Church is brilliantly lighted. When a burning torch is borne forth to the city streets, and from torch to torch the light goes until the city glows with the fire from the grave of the Christ. So may the light of Masonry spread until this old world of ours is alight with brotherly love from man to man."

Amen! and Amen!!

And again, under Colorado:

"If, Companion, the Orders of Knighthood are only tacked on to Masonry to make some show they in truth are mere appendages, and Masonry should abhor. Our knowledge has proven them to be tacked on to make some service, to put a Knight's faith into loving deeds and to help the need of a human brother. If with the show there goes some service, a giving of some love, some care and some strength in helping to make the life of a toiling brother sweeter, completer, then they are worth while. And it is so with the Shrine, to make it worth while, with some fun there should be some service. The touch of show, the touch of fun, if coupled with work in serving human lives, will leave impressions that will endure forever. And so with the Council. Our only objection is compulsion for anything beyond the Master Mason."

Under Illinois he says:

"Companion Warvelle submits a most excellent Thirteenth Annual Epistle. He starts off by declaring thirteen really a lucky number, and proves it by the dozen of the good old baker of boyhood days in cookies, the extra cookie falling to the carrier. That makes it lucky certainly, for the carrier, and we favor the carrier's point of view.

"And then good old Virgil taught us that odd numbers were always lucky, and so did Shakespeare and Lover's genial Rory O'More. Hoch der dreizehnte! cry we also. This prologue is finished with a dissertation on the lack of readers of correspondence reports, and he wonders why they are written. For the same reason, dear Companion, that you gave for thir-

teen being lucky, the 'besides' reason 'if we didn't have a thirteenth we never would have a fourteenth.' If we didn't have correspondence reports written we never would have a chance to have them read, and just think what a calamity that would be to you and us.''

The dues question is handled in Nevada *thusly:*

''We have very little trouble in Nevada over the dues question, and the loss of members is very small. The member when he promises to conform to the usages of the Craft obligates himself to pay dues. Once a year we remit the dues of all who cannot pay or on whom payment would work a hardship. Again, we allow a year's grace to all others. Then we notify with kindness and again with business. If the notices are unheeded, we suspend and the dues continue. The continuance of the dues is the punishment for not keeping his promise to pay, when he can and the mere act of paying what he promised to pay restores him to a member's standing. That sounds like good business out this way. Every member gets a square deal, with an abundance of love and an overflow of mercy.''

Then he adds:

''Masonic works conform to truth, and to allow a member to be suspended for owing a year's or two years' dues, and after twenty years to be returned to good standing upon the payment of the year or two years' dues, is not an act in conformity with truth, for it is neither fair, square, honest or sincere to the members who paid agreeably to promise, regularly and steadily. This method works well in Nevada. We suspend, true, but the loss is small, for nearly all return after being deprived of the cheer and love of the Craft for a year or two. In most of the cases they are back within a few months. Now, Companions, you may criticize Nevada's way, but when your plans are admittedly worse, why not try a swim in Nevada's pool. Come on in, the water's fine.''

In Pennsylvania dues do not run against a suspended member and we have often heard it said: ''Why! it's a charity to suspend that man because otherwise the dues pile up against him, so that he can never pay.''

Nevada has the thing in a nut-shell: ''Once a year we remit the dues of all who cannot pay or on whom

payment would work a hardship." This is true Masonic Fraternity. However, dues accumulating against a suspended member hardly constitute a *quick asset*. Perhaps, Nevada does not carry these as an asset.

Under Iowa we clip the following:

"After twenty-seven years of faithful service Grand Secretary Alfred Wingate resigned on account of ill-health and owing to the increase of the work in the office. He was made Grand Secretary emeritus and his salary fixed at the same rate as paid for the past year. A worthy act. Our genial and accomplished Craftsman at the Table Round, Companion Wm. F. Cleveland was elected Grand Secretary. We congratulate our fellow reviewer and also congratulate the Grand Chapter. Under Cleveland's administration accomplishment will be the order of the day."

This from New York is fine:

"Our Companion spoke wisely. Much of the world's tendency to higher things is attributal to Masonry and its law of love. If we would bring the blind by the new found way and lead them into its paths, it can only be done through love. Give love! With loving thoughts speak words of truth; with loving hands, lift the ones who fall; with loving eyes and lips salute the world we meet each day, and with loving hearts believe that there is good in fellow men. This is the heart of it, Companions. Open your heart. Love God; love humanity, and darkness will flee and crooked things will be set straight. Love calls forth love, and life grows loftier for all only as we have love and yield it in service for others."

"Sow the seed that will ripen in worthier deed!
Seek good and pursue it with infinite labor!
Little need has the world for a lengthier creed—
Love God—love yourself—as yourself love your neighbor."

Under Oregon he says:

"From first to last Masonry is work. Everything about it is suggestive of work, the building of the Temple, its principal tools, and its sessions are labor. True, much of this work is for self, but neither in

religion nor Masonry can you hope to make a winning fight for your own character without a service for others. It was the wise Seneca who told us, 'Thou must live for another if thou wishest to live for thyself.' Selfishness in Masonry, in religion, in life, is essentially suicidal.''

Pennsylvania is reviewed, of course fully and fraternally. This writer couldn't do anything else.

Of our action in restoring a Companion illegally expelled he says:

''Order is a first law of Masonry. Proper procedure and proof are requisites in trials. A Companion is entitled to his day in court and due order and propriety should be followed, with a strict adherence to justice.''

He says of Past Grand High Priest WELLS' address that:

''It is carefully prepared and well written.''

Of our blunder (for it was neither the blunder of the printer nor his devil) in making M. E. Companion BERNARD G. WITT Nevada's Grand High Priest, he humorously says:

''My! but the devil of a printer will be given the devil sure. He made M. E. Companion Bernard G. Witt, General Grand High Priest, Nevada's Grand High Priest. Well, in the fullest sense he is, but he shouldn't be made to speak a part of Companion Grand High Priest Schadler's address. Don't be too rough with the International Printing Company's devil! We'll forgive you, for we are not of that 'run of fellers what don't make mistakes.' ''

Glad to learn that you admit the possibility of making mistakes. A favorite saying of mine is that a fellow that don't make mistakes is fit for heaven. By the way, we have just found a mistake of yours. You say:

''Under New Jersey we found this bit of Companion Core's, and it's well worth while.''

Now the passage about Marks was written by the writer of this review, not Companion CORE, although he is quite capable of having written it. Didn't you note our initials, S. B.?

Under Tennessee he says:

"He rightly decided that a Companion joining a Chapter by affiliation has a right to have his Mark recorded, though it be the same as one already recorded."

In Pennsylvania it is a Constitutional requirement that he must record his Mark. It must accompany his petition for membership.

And now we record the end of a very readable and entertaining review. He concludes his admirable work as follows:

"Again we are at the end. The scent of the sage is in the air and we are ready for the call to refreshment, for with difficulty and labor hard has the writing of this year's report moved on.

"In the vineyards of the Royal Craft all is bright with promise. During the year the workers gave true work and the harvest days are with plenty crowned.

"Let us not be forgetful, Companions, of our duties as Craftsmen. Life is not good for self until it is made better for our fellowman. In the name of the Great I Am let us renew the fight for a closer brotherhood, ever remembering that

> "'But one thing is needful; and ye shall be true
> To yourselves and the goal and the God that ye seek;
> Yea, the day and the night shall requite it to you
> If ye love one another, if your love be not weak.'"

SIDNEY C. FOSTER, Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

EDWARD D. VANDERLIETH, Right Excellent Grand Secretary. S. B.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The Ninety-sixth Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of New Hampshire was held in Freemasons' Hall, in the city of Concord, on Tuesday, May 18, A. D. 1915, A. I. 2445.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Companion JOSEPH E. KNIGHT, delivered the annual address. His remembrance of the fraternal dead is followed by that beautiful poem beginning:

"Sometime at eve when the tide is low,
I shall slip my moorings and sail away;
With no response to the friendly hail
Of kindred craft in the busy bay;
When the night stoops down to embrace the day,
And the voices call in the water's flow,
Sometime at eve when the tide is low,
I shall slip my moorings and sail away."

On the topic of the Masonic War Relief Association he says:

"Some of the Chapters have made appropriations, and the amounts collected by the other Grand Officers will, I presume, appear in their reports. While we are enjoying peace and prosperity other nations are engaged in the most terrible war the world has ever known, and the suffering which now is and which will follow cannot be conceived. God hasten the time when peace shall forever reign among all nations, when enlightenment shall dissipate the clouds of ignorance and superstition, and knowledge be the priceless boon of all; when brotherhood of man shall be a bond uniting all hearts in the common love; when truth, radiant and victorious, shall be printed upon every banner, written over every ambition, and engraven on every heart.

"I do not believe in sending ostentatious largess beyond the seas, to the neglect of nearer ills at home, but in such a time as this I think we should do what we can without such neglect."

He then submits these words, with the touching poem following:

"A distinguished officer writes from the British headquarters in France: 'I venture to send you these beautiful lines, written by Canon F. G. Scott, of Quebec, who is doing duty with the Third Brigade of the Canadian Division, and whose impressions which brought about the writing of these lines were gained from actual experiences in the trenches. It seems to me that such words as these should be made known to the public, for apart from their intrinsic beauty, they are full of comfort to those who are sorely stricken in this terrible war.'

"O pallid Christ within this broken shrine,
Not those torn Hands and not that Heart of Thine
Have given the nations blood to drink like wine,
Through weary years and 'neath the changing skies,
Men turned their backs on those appealing Eyes
And scorned as vain Thine awful Sacrifice.
Kings with their armies, children in their play
Have passed unheeding down this shell-ploughed way,
The great world knew not where its true strength lay.
In pomp and luxury, in lust of gold,
In selfish ease, in pleasures manifold,
'Evil is good, good evil,' we were told.
Yet here, where nightly the great flare lights gleam,
And Murder stalks triumphant in their beam,
The world has awakened from its empty dream.
At last, O Christ, in this strange, darkened land,
Where ruined homes lie round on every hand,
Life's deeper truths men come to understand.
For lonely graves along the country side,
Where sleep those brave hearts who for others died,
Tell of life's union with the Crucified.
Like day-dawn breaking through the rifted skies,
For life is born, of life's self-sacrifice."

The address was a faithful resume of his work for the year, and his conclusion follows:

"I have now come to the closing hours of twelve years of service in this Grand Chapter, years that have been filled with pleasure in the acquisition of knowledge of the beauties of Freemasonry and the forming of friendships that will last while life endures. To the officers with whom I have

been associated during all these years, to all the Companions who have done so much to make my duties so enjoyable, and to this Grand Chapter for all the honors conferred, I tender my most heartfelt thanks, and in so far as I have fallen short of your requirements and expectations I beg you to cover my failings with the 'broad mantle of charity and brotherly love.'

"'Let old-time memories my forgiveness plead,
I've tried to do my best, I have indeed.'"

The Finance Committee found all correct and a balance in the Treasurer's hands of $1871.74.

Companion J. L. SEWARD signs the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. How we do dislike this word *Foreign* as used in connection with this fraternal review of the proceedings of other Jurisdictions.

From the opening of this report we clip the following:

"The proceedings of Grand Chapters have reached us from all quarters of the world, notwithstanding the commotion created by the gigantic war which is raging in Europe. We have examined all which reached our desk in time to be reviewed before our Annual Grand Convocation in May, 1915. As usual, the work has been agreeable and interesting. It seems each year that we have thought of all the new things that can be conceived, but, like the mechanical inventions, which follow one another with astounding rapidity, although each startling discovery seems to be the last of which the human mind is capable, so fresh ideas and suggestions with respect to Masonic laws, forms and procedures seem to have no limit.

"Our own rule is to quote only original observations, and we regret that some of the Correspondents are too sparing in this particular. The work of the reviewers has borne an abundance of good fruit. The same is true of the annual addresses of the Grand High Priests. They are growing more valuable each year. Many of them would rank well as state papers. Those addresses are heard by so many Masons, and by the representatives of so many Chapters, that words of wisdom pertaining to the good of the Craft, when spoken by such presiding officers, are like seed sown in a good soil, much of which will ripen and nourish the Companions of subordinate bodies, and give them increased vigor.

"We extend to brother Correspondents a cordial greeting, and thank you all for your friendly and sympathetic notices of our Jurisdiction, and for the help and encouragement which your words have brought to the writer."

See how he shies at the word *foreign!* Now we are "brother correspondents" and his greeting is truly friendly and fraternal, and we love him for it. We are not *foreign,* we are of the brotherhood.

Under California we quote:

"The Report on Correspondence is from the pen of our venerable and esteemed Companion William A. Davies, who, at eighty-seven years of age, writes vigorously and with careful discrimination. He is a living proof that 'Oslerism' should not commence at the age of fifty. We are so accustomed to abide by current opinions, that we often fail to be convinced by actual facts. As a rule, a man is never so well fitted for his chosen work in life as when he reaches a ripe old age. Clergymen, who have lived long enough to learn their business and become really useful, as a result of their experience, are often shunted to one side to make room for some young fellow who has 'parted his hair' to suit the young persons of a congregation. Freemasons are somewhat more considerate. Old age is very highly prized among us. At the same time there are certain young men in the different branches of the Fraternity who use not a few of the methods of the politicians in pushing to the front and crowding aside brethren of worth. It is delightful, therefore, to find M. E. Companion Davies still honored by his Companions and so ably proving, by his works, his eminent fitness to receive the honors which are bestowed upon him. His paper is well written, somewhat brief, but embodying the framework of the happenings in the Jurisdictions which he reviews."

All of which is delightful reading and gives us an opportunity to add our "mead of praise" to the able work of that veteran reviewer, Companion WILLIAM A. DAVIES.

Under Canada, *re* a decision of M. E. Companion NATHAN KINSLEY, as follows:

"After one or more degrees of the Chapter have been conferred upon a Brother, who has been duly elected to receive all the degrees, a mere objection does not operate to prevent his advancement, but he is entitled to receive the remaining degrees, unless, upon due trial, he is convicted of a Masonic offence, and is thereby deprived of such right."

He says:

"Readers of our annual reports will remember that we are heartily in sympathy with the spirit of this decision. We despise a sneak, and a man who stabs another in the back is a sneak. A bit of personal spite or prejudice should never work to the disadvantage of another man. If anybody be really a bad man, of course, it goes for the saying that he should not be advanced in Masonry. But, if a man be so bad as all that, formal charges should be preferred. If one against whom such charges are preferred cannot defend himself, it will not seem unjust to prevent his Masonic preferment. If the objector cannot prove his charges, and if the charges themselves are trifling and inconsequential, the objector should be reprimanded for an unwarrantable interference."

So say we all of us or at least all of us ought to so say.

We find quotable material under Connecticut and clip the following:

"The Grand High Priest alludes to the difficulties arising from differences of opinion because 'that is the way we were taught. That nonsense bothers all heads of organization. There are hundreds of men who sink their own individuality in 'what they are taught.' Many identify Masonic Landmarks with 'what they are taught.' We belong to the clerical profession and know what it means to have parishioners remind us that 'this is not the way we have been accustomed to do.' A new idea becomes almost a staggering death-blow to certain persons. We have talked for years about correcting certain grammatical errors that have crept into our Rituals by blundering copyists, but the movement is practically ineffectual, because of the morbid fear that the change would destroy a Landmark; as if an error were ever a Landmark of anything but ignorance. We hope that our Connecticut Companions will put some learned men at work upon their Ritual and, while destroying no Landmarks, put the titles of the officers and the words of the text into proper shape."

The phrase "that is the way we were taught" is all very well; but the question is, Was it the way we were taught? And then the further question, Was "the way we were taught," the right way to have been taught? Everything taught in Freemasonry should be able to stand the test of studious examination and criticism. A mere *ipse dixit* should not be accepted as final and no rime of age should justify grammatical errors or anachronisms.

Under Illinois we find the above opinions ably supported.

"We decidedly sympathize with the thoughts of the Grand High Priest in the matter of Rituals. Our own Masonic Rituals, in the different bodies, need revision. Lodge Rituals, particularly, contain much needless repetition. The interest of Masons in the work, and their more frequent attendance, would be insured by shortening the work. Masonry would also be much more attractive to scholars if the phraseology were in perfect English, not such as would destroy Landmarks that are often signified by quaint and antique forms of expression, but by preserving correct forms of syntax in all cases. Some old Masons are foolish to the verge of silliness in very strenuously opposing such revisions, for no better reasons than the mere fact that the old erroneous expressions are familiar to them. In other words, we are to continue errors for the well-worn reason that 'it is the way we are in the habit of doing it.'"

Then *re* the inimitable WARVELLE, he says:

"The delightful Report on Foreign Correspondence is by that prince of reviewers, M. E. George W. Warvelle. His reviews of the separate Jurisdictions are brief, and he reserves for a supplemental portion of his work his comments upon important matters that occur to him as he passes in review the various volumes of proceedings. He wields a facile pen, and his mind is freed from those tramels that enslave so many Masonic thinkers. While he never departs from any actual Landmark, he has no more respect for the trifling inconsequentials than some of the rest of the 'guild.'"

Under Kentucky he notes that

"A member requested to be suspended for non-payment of dues. It was a strange request, but the Grand High Priest very properly suggested that his request had better be granted."

Why "very properly"? Perhaps this member was one of those encumbered with a false pride who disdain to ask and, finding himself unable to meet his obligation, would rather suffer the penalties of suspension than solicit it. Has he any good in him? His Companions should ascertain the truth. Perhaps a friendly lift, of course unadvertised, would restore this Companion to a saner view of his relations to his fellows. If his life and that inner self, known only to his Maker, but manifested in his walk and conversation, justified it, why should not his dues be remitted? Certainly there is no more disgrace in remission than suspension and a mind however *contakerous* could be made to see this, and then perhaps a worthy Companion could be saved to Freemasonry.

However, we don't know all the circumstances and may have gone off at a tangent.

Here we have it under Maine and now we are in accord again:

"Under the District of Columbia, he quotes approvingly the words of their Grand High Priest, that 'no Companion ought to be suspended or dropped for non-payment of dues, except upon a vote of the Chapter in each individual case, *and then only after a specific report or statement by one or more Companions of the Chapter, setting forth all the circumstances surrounding the case involved.*' We approve of this. The question of the

payment of dues involves many considerations. The number of delinquents is likely to be large. Those who could pay as well as not, if they did not use their money, first of all, to gratify some selfish desire, should be sharply censured and, if possible, brought to time. The same is true with respect to those who have the money, but simply neglect to do their duty. If, after thorough investigation, it is found that leniency should be exercised, caution should be used not to suspend or expel too hastily. Due notices should always be sent to the delinquents.''

The italics are ours. In fewer words these say what our rambling words tried to convey.

Under Michigan *in re* Grand Representatives we find the following:

''Speaking of his own Jurisdiction, he (Companion Conover) says:

'' 'Michigan seems to maintain her proud position among her Sister Grand Chapters, and about the only objection I note to our methods is that we do not recognize the system of Grand Representatives. New Mexico and Michigan are about the only Grand Chapters in the world that do not do so.'

''We are glad to read this, Companion Conover. We are glad that you think favorably of the Grand Representatives. They are as useful as any officers, excepting the head of the organization, Lecturer, and Secretary, if put to their proper use. It is true that, in many Jurisdictions, the office practically amounts to nothing. This is not the fault of the office as such, nor of the men who are appointed, but of the customs of that particular Jurisdiction. There are several important functions, highly honorable in themselves, which might devolve upon such officers. In the first place, they should be expected to become more or less familiar with the history and affairs of the Jurisdictions which they represent. It would be well if the correspondence (not the official permission) concerning Waivers be referred to the Grand Representatives. It would lighten the burdens of Grand High Priests. It is, in the second place, a proper custom for a Grand Representative, like an Ambassador or Consul, to receive and entertain guests from the Jurisdiction which he represents, introduce them when present at Convocations of his own Grand Chapter, and, in the third place, to promote feelings of amity and good will between the Grand Jurisdictions thus related.''

From under New Zealand this bit of information is clipped:

"This Grand Chapter confers the degrees of Mark Master, Excellent Master, Royal Arch, Red Cross Knight, and Knight of the East and West. In this country, one of those degrees is conferred in a Commandery, and one in connection with the Scottish Rite. The New Zealand Grand Chapter does not confer the degree of Past Master, which is not conferred by Royal Arch Chapters outside the United States."

Re Correspondence Reports, under Oklahoma, these sensible comments are found:

"We know something of how a Correspondent feels when he takes his seat at a desk piled with fifty-five or sixty booklets to be examined and reviewed. The work, if properly done, is not an altogether easy task; yet it does pay. Many like to peruse such a report. It contains many novel kinds of information. Moreover, the Correspondents like such an exchange of opinions. It is something like mutual visits, or a symposium, and, as a result of these papers, many valuable improvements have found their way into Capitular procedures. Many faults of former times have been corrected, largely as the result of the discussions in these papers. They serve to stimulate thought, and anything that stimulates thought does good. Every year, these Correspondence Reports are becoming more and more valuable. They are no longer simply indexes or tables of contents, as they formerly were, but are helpful comments on the proceedings of the various Grand Bodies, which have been, as we have said, productive of much good. We hope that Oklahoma will fall into line next time."

Pennsylvania is fully and fraternally reviewed. He says it, and we admit it, that "Pennsylvania is a very old Grand Jurisdiction." He quotes from Past Grand High Priest WELLS' address and compliments us by saying that "the Proceedings are admirably printed."

Because we are in hearty accord with Companion SEWARD on the subject of *high falutin'* titles we quote literally as below:

"The reply of Companion Bates is eminently proper. At the same time, it must be confessed that there has been a tendency, in the different Masonic

Bodies, to use pretentious titles, not only for the different Grand and Sub ordinate Bodies, but for the different officers. Those who have held such offices, at one time or another, have too frequently been men of such a character that persons not belonging to the Masonic Fraternity have been amused that such titles should be applied to them. It is invariably a wise thing to do nothing that provokes ridicule. It cannot be denied that certain Masonic Bodies, as well as certain Masonic offices, have been characterized by a superabundance of superlative, polysyllabic adjectives, which must have made them seem ridiculous to persons not members of the Craft. In some cases, especially in all branches of the Scottish Rite, these elaborate titles have been modified and greatly reduced in length. This form of hyperbole was not confined exclusively to Freemasonry. Ancient guilds and associations were much given to such forms of designation. Nearly all of them styled themselves 'honorable.' We are familiar with such expressions as 'Ancient and Honorable Artillery,' and similar titles for nearly all of the ancient guilds and trades. It is not irreverent to say, as Companion Bates suggested, that the 'Holy Catholic Church' received that designation at a time when hardly anything else would have served the purpose, but it is safe to assume that no sect originating today would employ such adjectives. We have always believed that it would add much to the dignity of the different branches of Freemasonry to simplify the titles of the different orders, as well as of the different officers. Would not Master be more appropriate than Worshipful Master? Would not Commander be quite as proper as Eminent Commander, and Master as Thrice Illustrious Master?''

Many thanks, Companion SEWARD, for your kindly and complimentary comments.

Under South Carolina we find the following interesting quotation and comment:

''Under Kentucky, Companion Michie alludes to a recommendation of the Grand High Priest of that Jurisdiction that one to be eligible to the office of High Priest should be able to confer all of the degrees under the Chapter Jurisdictions, and says: 'A very good idea, Companion, but can you carry it out?'

''A very natural question. There can be no doubt that the High Priest should be qualified to confer all the degrees in a most acceptable manner, but, if his election were conditioned upon knowing how to do so much work as that, at any particular moment, how many Companions in any Chapter would ever be qualified for the office? It is not an impossibility. There are those who can comply with such a demand. There are others, persons

of much intelligence and marked executive ability, who would be efficient and valuable presiding officers, who could easily prepare to confer either of the degrees for a particular Convocation, who might not be able to carry all four of them in memory all of the time. Persons gifted with such a remarkable memory might not prove to be the wisest officers in all other respects. At the same time, it is a fact that too many officers are altogether too inattentive to their Rituals, and do not take the time that they ought to take to familiarize themselves with the words of their parts. It is often somewhat laborious to learn such work properly, but one who enters the 'line' of officers should take pride not only in the efficiency of his own efforts, but in the general appearance and character of his Chapter.''

Commenting under Texas, on Companion MEAD'S observations, Companion SEWARD says:

''We have known men who professed to be letter-perfect. They were. They had the letters memorized in true sequence, and they had a word for each letter, which seemed to them indubitably right. When such persons begin to recite their parts, it will generally be observed that they use some words which are simply synonyms of the correct expressions, that they use nouns in the wrong number, that they use verbs in the wrong mood or tense, and that the rules of syntax are quite badly abused. Oral instruction, not gauged by a set standard, soon leads to such abuses of language.''

And now we reach his conclusion and from it quote the following earnest words:

''We flattered ourselves that a better age had dawned, that reason had triumphed over passion, that the swords had really been beaten into ploughshares, and the spears into pruning-hooks. And now, in the twinkling of an eye, comes this horrible upheaval which shakes the whole world, and makes men ask such questions as these: 'Is Christianity a failure?' 'Are the sublime teachings of Freemasonry of no avail?'

''No! Truth was never altered by the conduct of men any more than a square or a circle would be annihilated because an untrained pupil could not make one that looked comely. 'Truth crushed to earth shall rise again; the eternal years of God are hers.' The heaviest thunderstorm is frequently the clearing-up shower. This most terrible of all the conflicts ever known on earth may prove to be the drain through which the angry, long-pent passions of men may find their way to the sea of oblivion, the clearing-up shower of the great international storm that has hung so many years, even centuries, like a black pall, over Europe. Happy may we deem ourselves in

this country, if its lightning do not strike us more terrifically than it has already!

"However, whenever, and wherever this strife may be settled, the very principles which lie at the basis of Freemasonry will be the foundation of the settlement. Freemasons may be found in the armies of the Allies and of the Teutons, obeying their leaders, and obeying their ideals of patriotism, but the truths which they have been taught will inspire them, and will be the basis of any settlement of the great dispute that can ever be made.

"When that settlement shall have been made, it will become more than ever the duty of all branches of Freemasonry to impress the great truths of the institution so deeply upon the mind of every Brother and Companion that a repetition of such a horror shall be made impossible, so far as it lies within the power of our great Fraternity to make it such.

JOSEPH EMERSON KNIGHT, Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

HARRY MORRISON CHENEY, Right Excellent Grand Secretary. S. B.

NEW JERSEY.

The Fifty-ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of New Jersey was held in the Tabernacle of Three-Times-Three Chapter No. 5, Royal Arch Masons, at Trenton, N. J., May 12, 1915, A. I. 2445.

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Full Form* at ten-thirty o'clock A. M., the Grand Chaplain conducting the devotional exercises.

We have a very vivid recollection of the visit, on invitation, to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the

State of New Jersey, and now find ourself classed among the "distinguished visitors", for

"Then M. E. Henry S. Haines, Grand Representative of Pennsylvania, introduced M. E. Porter W. Lowry, Grand High Priest of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, accompanied by Thomas McConnell, Jr., Grand King; David J. Davis, Grand Scribe; Stockton Bates, Grand Secretary; Joseph E. Quinby, Grand Marshal; William B. Joslyn, Grand Tyler, and Past Grand High Priests A. G. Criswell Smith and George B. Wells.

"These were also welcomed in most cordial words, spoken from the heart, for the relations between the Grand Jurisdictions of Pennsylvania and New Jersey are, and have been for years, as strong as the mythical Three-Fold Grip. Grand High Priest Lowry, in a short but most pleasing address, responded."

The M. E. Grand High Priest, Companion Robert A. Meeker, delivered the annual address, reporting his doings for the Capitular Year, just closing.

He very truly says, among other things, "we know that you (the Companions of New Jersey) believe with us that it is the internal and not the external qualities of a man that are really worth thought and consideration." Dispensations were granted for two new Chapters. Very happy reference is made to the Visitation made by the Grand Officers of New Jersey to the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania in September of the year 1914.

It appears that in New Jersey the By-laws of Subordinate Chapters may fix the dues as either payable in advance or at the expiration of the year, and the year is not the Masonic Year of December 27, or St. John's Day, but the calendar year, December 31.

We quote one of his Decisions:

"In answer to a question submitted by Orange Chapter No. 23, whether it was lawful for a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons to attend Divine Service, I replied:

"The question of attending Divine Service in Capitular Garb is one which in the opinion of the Grand High Priest should be encouraged. There is only one decision (No. 9) which does in any way apply to this matter. It is as follows: 'Masonic processions are not lawful for any other than Masonic purposes.' Therefore, if the Chapter wishes to attend Divine Service in a body there is no infringement of the Ancient Landmarks and Usages of Freemasonry if they do so attend, wearing their aprons and jewels, as the attending of Divine Service is decidedly a Masonic duty."

The financial condition is comfortable with the tidy balance of $5276.50.

The membership shows a total of 7642.

The Grand King and Grand Scribe both make a report, having to do with Visitations to Subordinate Chapters.

Re Alberta, the Committee on Correspondence, reach the following conclusion:

"Viewing the subject in all its aspects, and looking with some hope that the General Grand Chapter, soon to convene, may be instrumental in lighting our way, we now recommend that action upon the recognition of the Companions of Alberta as a Sovereign Grand Chapter be deferred to a time when its propriety may be more clearly manifested through the possible consent and approval of those to whom they now appear to us to owe their allegiance.

HENRY S. HAINES,
D. C. ADAMS,
GODFREY PITTIS,
Committee."

The usual and very readable "Report of Foreign Correspondence" comes from the pen of that veteran and able reviewer, Companion HENRY S. HAINES. It is printed in "long primer" and is "solid matter" (as the printers would say) throughout. It reads like a book, and an entertaining book at that. He opens as follows:

"In pleasing anticipation of observing the panorama of events which the year has brought about in the Capitular World; of reading and culling the gems of speech expressing the lofty thoughts of those most gifted and learned in Masonic Lore; and with the hope of reflecting upon our Companions at least a portion of the light that falls upon us from recognized sources of Masonic wisdom, we again assume our accustomed role.

"We learned long since that neither all the Masonic wisdom, nor all its abuses, are found in New Jersey; but we believe that New Jersey is the equal of any in her desire to attain the former, and to eschew the latter; and we therefore feel the courage to indulge in comments, favorable or otherwise, upon matters coming to our notice, deemed by us of importance to the Craft; firmly believing that Masonry demands of its votaries, that when occasion calls, no word should remain unspoken that may tend to strengthen its hold upon the hearts and minds of men, and to promote its influence in the noble mission of fostering in them a reverence for Him who made them.

"Our opinions in these matters are all our own; and however intrinsically defective they may be, are never formed without deliberation, and are never expressed without consciousness of our responsibility for their effect upon the minds of others.

"With this made clear, we commend our present production to the careful perusal of our own Capitular household, and to the considerate judgment of the Craft at large."

We have often been asked the question, why we in Pennsylvania reinstall an officer elected, to succeed himself. This is so admirably answered by Companion HAINES that we clip under Connecticut the following:

"It is probably an unimportant technicality, but by thought at variance with his implied opinion, we have held it proper to reinstall an officer who

succeeds himself, without at all surrendering the principle that in the *failure of election,* the previous incumbent must hold over. An officer is elected for a term; that term has expired; the office is vacant; a new term opens for performing the duties of which a new pledge should be given.''

Under New Mexico, *re* the ''Shrine'', we find the following:

''Companion Wroth upholds strongly Companion Fulkerson's opinion of the 'Shrine,' saying, 'The Shrine may or may not be a Masonic Order, according to the way you look at it, but it is, without doubt, the social side of Masonry,' and his clear implication from his words claims the '*Divine right* to be purely and absolutely Masonic.'

''We have no quarrel with the Shrine, and believe that it may set an example of benevolence worthy of imitation by any society, but we cannot assent to the idea that it is any 'side' of Masonry, or possesses the least kinship therewith, else our Masonic education is much astray when we deduce from the exact language of our Ritual that Light and Truth are the objects of our search and our labor; that search for Divine Truth is the only work of a Mason, and that the acquisition of this is the Mason's reward. How trifling in comparison with this are the puerile frivolities which must characterize any society which confesses itself to be the 'playground of Masonry.' ''

You ''cannot assent to the idea that it is any 'side' of Masonry.'' Why, surely, you agree that it is *out*-''side''.

Pennsylvania is most fraternally reviewed and abundant reference is made to the ''enjoyments'' which ''the Companions of Pennsylvania alone know how to provide.'' Not alone, my dear Companion HAINES, for we can testify to the ''enjoyment'' New Jersey Companions afforded the writer as one of Pennsylvania's Grand Officers enjoying your hospitality.

Our refraining from applause is heartily endorsed and Past Grand High Priest M. E. Companion

GEORGE B. WELLS comes in for pleasant reference to his address.

And further anent the "Shrine" we clip this under Pennsylvania:

"Another Companion is found in this able reviewer who is willing to measure the 'Shrine' at its true value, concerning which he says: 'Members whose only incentive to receive Masonic Degrees is that they may join the Shrine are not likely to prove very valuable to the bodies whose only use to them is that of a ladder to reach a fez. We sometimes feel that the greatest mistake of this generation was made by the Masons who made the requirement of an applicant to the Shrine that he be either a Thirty-second Degree Mason or a Knight Templar. The Shrine has no place in Masonry and ought never to have been hitched to it in any way. We think we know about this as we hold membership in one of the largest Shrines in the United States.'"

And this is no kick against the "Shrine" *per se*, only that it is not Masonic, and no one disputes that.

Under South Dakota we clip the following, which is self-explanatory:

"It appears to us that Companion Levoy reasons from ill-founded premises in his comment upon the attitude of Pennsylvania towards the Grand Chapter of Western Australia, which our nearest neighbor has not seen the way clear to recognize as a new claimant of sovereign authority. We, personally, have no sympathy with Scotland in assuming to bar the way to independent organization, because Scotland has no more political right in Western Australia than has South Dakota, but England has, and we cannot agree that Ireland and Scotland have equal rights with her to establish Grand Lodges or Grand Chapters within her territory. Nor do we assent to the proposition that 'it is true Masonic doctrine that where a Grand Chapter is erected in a given territory (there being no other) it is there sovereign and supreme.' This is not the American idea at least, else the General Grand Chapter would not have interfered with the presumptious action of Scotland in the Philippines, in the disposition of which Companion Levoy is to take part at San Francisco in September next."

Going back for a moment to Arkansas, we ask attention to this paragraph referring to that passage in the address In Memoriam of the dead:

"With grateful reverence to the Source of Good the annual allocution began, followed speedily by the invitation to behold the sequel of the unequal contest between life and death over whose dark river the immortal part of sixty-three Companions had been borne, to land we hope and believe on shores of everlasting light."

Then under Colorado:

"Eighty-three of those who had mingled with the Craft a year before were now numbered with those unseen of men leaving, with those since gathered to the ranks, a membership five thousand three hundred and twenty-seven."

Again under Connecticut:

"Sorrow, close upon the heels of happiness, soon brought the sad reminder that places which were a year before filled by Companions in lusty life and full of hope, were now vacant or held by others."

Jumping over to Indiana we clip:

"The inevitable demand that sooner or later sounds in every ear was heard by one hundred and forty-six who were living and hoping a year ago."

From Louisiana:

"Funeral bells had sounded in the ears of those dear to forty-seven Companions, who had been borne for the last time through the opened door."

Read this under Nevada:

"Zealous and devoted Companions, numbering seven, had yielded to the inexorable foe and were subjects of loving expressions of regret from those they had left behind, who were now exhorted to possess their souls with an unfaltering trust in the glorious promises, the fruition of which awaits the just."

And this under North Carolina:

"Although he would choose to be the bearer of glad tidings only to the Craft, the same sad duty devolved upon him, as has been the portion of all who have occupied a station such as his, in being obliged to announce the taking off of many who had been communicants with him in Masonic joys. Of these, fifty-five had wearied of life's journey and gone to rest."

And under Washington:

"He that sets no hour for his approach, as well at rosy dawn as in the stilly night, had brought unwelcome messages that would not brook delay, directing the close of earthly accounts of thirty-seven Companions who mingled with the multitude a year before, then mostly unconscious of their rapidly approaching doom."

From West Virginia:

"The gratification caused by these was checked for a season by the mournful reflection following the announcement that fifty-four names upon the Chapter rolls now are again inscribed upon the marble slabs that mark their graves."

Finally, under Wyoming:

"Those sleeping beneath the sod were fondly brought to mind and silent prayer ascended to the Throne of Grace for their eternal rest. Thirteen were they who lived and hoped a year before and now had closed their eyes to the scenes of earth."

These extracts are culled at random. No two are alike, and all have but the one subject under treatment. The extracts could be increased by the number of Jurisdictions reviewed and not above quoted. Aside from the beauty of the wording it is cause for wonder, and admiration of that talent that could so deftly handle the English language.

The conclusion is too cogent and valuable to be marred by extract, so we quote it in its entirety:

"CONCLUSION.

"Having been privileged to draw aside the tapestry that veiled the entrance to half a hundred Masonic homes, and to view with friendly eye what has transpired within, we have been made conscious of an unmistakable tendency in the doings of the Craft towards the attainment of better ways. We have rejoiced in witnessing many manifestations of magnanimity evidently born of Masonic teaching, too frequent and too pronounced to be obscured by the fewer instances of weak and sordid surrender to selfishness, man's besetting sin.

"To measure thus the relative results of impulses controlling the minds and the hearts of those who profess to hold in veneration the true principles of our Institution has been our occupation and our aim, resulting in a gratifying assurance that there is an increasing desire to understand the *philosophy* of Freemasonry, and a corresponding increase in the zeal and devotion of those who cherish its principles and heed its precepts. True, we occasionally observe what seems to be a disposition to substitute for the honored traditions of the Fraternity practices suited to the ephemeral promptings of the passing hour; but we know that however cold and meaningless these may be, the flame that warms our hearts and animates us to noble thoughts and deeds still glows beneath, and, in the end, will refine our souls and purge our nature's follies all away. To believe otherwise would be to admit our teachings to be all in vain, our aspirations to be for the favor of false gods, and our vaunted labors after Divine Truth in our consecrated halls a pretense and a sham.

"If we would, indeed, promote the great and glorious work in which we are voluntarily enlisted, we must strive to create a greater faith in virtue, a fuller confidence in one another, a diviner sentiment of justice and forbearance in our relations with our fellowmen; for without these there can be little assurance of personal or public morality.

"If we could feel that from the vantage ground in which we have been placed we can be helpful in pointing the way to the accomplishment of this important end, we would count our labors well requited, and would renew them with ever-increasing hope."

FREDERICK J. MELVIN, Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

PETER MCGILL, Right Excellent Grand Secretary.

S. B.

NEW MEXICO.

The Seventeenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Mexico was held at Albuquerque, October 22, 1914. The proceedings of the meeting come to us in a very neatly printed pamphlet of one hundred and sixty-eight pages. The book is illustrated with the full-page portraits of M. E. Companion WILLIAM H. SEAMON, Grand High Priest 1898-1899; M. E. Companion JOHN W. POE, Grand High Priest 1899-1900, and M. E. Companion EUGENE COSGROVE, Grand High Priest 1900-1901. These were the first three Grand High Priests of this Grand Chapter.

The annual address of the Grand High Priest is a very succinct report of the work of the Grand Chapter for the year. He reports the Constitution of two new Chapters during the year. Five Dispensations to install officers and four official visitations are reported. No questions, requiring official decisions were submitted during the year.

He reports great confusion in the Chapters "in giving the signs of the various degrees, and doubts if there are two Chapters giving them in the same manner."

He recommends that the Grand Lecturer give instructions to Subordinate Chapters during the year and that his expenses be paid. Surely a small enough remuneration.

He reports that misunderstanding of law caused one of their Companions to be refused admission to a Pennsylvania Chapter. He reported the matter to the Grand High Priest of Pennsylvania, who expressed deep regret over the occurrence.

They have District Deputy Grand High Priests in this Jurisdiction, and the reports of these inspecting officers are printed with the proceedings and are no doubt of considerable local interest.

The Grand Secretary's report shows 92 exalted, 17 admitted, total 109. Loss by death, dismissal and suspension, 53; net gain, 56; present membership, 1137.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by Companion James H. Wroth, who in eighty-eight pages reviews the proceedings of forty-three Grand Jurisdictions, beginning with that of Alberta, which the Grand Chapter of New Mexico does not recognize. Regret is expressed for both sides of this obstinate controversy. Fourteen of the Jurisdictions are reviewed for two years. Pennsylvania is accorded a very fraternal review of two pages. The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence in reference to the Western Australia controversy, criticises our position and admonishes us to look over our General Masonic Law. Thanks! we did that before we made our report, and it is in strict accord with General Masonic Law.

He is inclined to be facetious over the fact that we have seven Grand Chaplains in Pennsylvania and says, "Draw your own conclusions." Well, we have thirty-five thousand Royal Arch Masons in Pennsylvania, which would allow only one Chaplain for every five thousand. This is a larger number than the one Grand Chaplain of New Mexico has to look after.

He differs with the opinion of the Chairman of this Committee on the advisability of uniform receipts for the payment of dues for the purposes of Visitation. There is much to be said on both sides of this question, but we believe the whole modern trend is towards the requirement of some documentary evidence by those who would visit other Lodges and Chapters.

In his conclusion Companion Wroth calls attention to a matter in which we heartily agree with him, viz.: "The indifference of the average Mason after receiving the degrees, towards the Fraternity. He seems to think that having attained his end, and paid his dues, nothing more is required of him."

There is never an effect without a cause. It has seemed to the writer in later years that the mad rush after "higher degrees" has had a very harmful effect on the Fraternity at large. We sometimes wish that all Masonic affiliations were comprised in the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason, including the Royal Arch Degree, as originally included in the United Grand Lodge of An-

cient Freemasons of England. If the Brother is desirous of instruction in Philosophy, History, Chivalry, etc., let him pursue his studies as best suits his tastes and opportunities.

M. E. Companion Amos W. Pollard, Grand High Priest.

Companion Alpheus A. Keen, Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.

NEW YORK.

The One Hundred and Eighteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New York was held in the city of Albany, February 2, 1915.

The proceedings come to us in a volume rivaling our own proceedings in size and finish. We especially note a seven page index, by means of which any subject contained in the 300-page volume can be readily found. The preparation of this part of the proceedings alone is no small job, when so thoroughly performed.

On opening the volume, welcoming us as it were to New York, we see the Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion Arthur Warren, done in a fine manner by the photographer and engraver.

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form,* there being the Representatives of two hundred and two out of the two hundred and seven constituent Chapters. After the Grand Chapter opened, the Grand Representatives of other Jurisdictions near the Grand Chapter of New York were received and welcomed, Pennsylvania being among those "also present." Among the letters of greeting from the Jurisdictions represented is one from R. E. Companion JOHN B. MULLAN, Representative of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania.

Many Masons holding high official positions, were introduced, viz., the R. E. Grand Commander of Knights Templar of New York, SIR JOHN B. MULLAN (Pennsylvania's Grand Representative), the Deputy of the Supreme Council A. A. S. R., the Grand High Priests of New Jersey, Vermont, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Canada, and the Grand Master of New York, each of whom was fraternally received.

The annual address of the Grand High Priest gives a very comprehensive view of the work of the Grand Chapter during the year. He paid official Visitation to twenty-four Subordinate Chapters, installed High Priests in four Chapters, besides attending many other Masonic meetings. Among the visits made, one to the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania is especially noted. He says:

"I cannot speak too highly of the splendid manner in which we were received and entertained during our sojourn with our Pennsylvania Com-

panions. From the moment of our arrival until the hour of our departure, we experienced the delightful satisfaction of feeling perfectly at home.''

The Grand High Priest elsewhere in his address, speaking of our responsibility as Masons, says:

''Proud as we are of the history of our Grand Chapter it will profit us but little if we fail to recognize the responsibility that rests upon us to whom its welfare is committed. The lessons which we have learned, the knowledge which has been imparted to us and the moral teachings which have been impressed upon us, must be reiterated time and again and retold with ever increasing conviction to those who come seeking further light. . . . Above all things I urge the Officers and Companions of every Chapter to place far above all our impressive and beautiful ceremonies, the truly great work of character building. For all labors are in vain unless we succeed in inspiring in men the desire to build for themselves a true and symmetrical manhood.''

Among the Decisions we note:

''Whether an applicant for the degrees in a Chapter, who had lost his left hand at the wrist, and has an artificial hand which can take the place, in a surprising degree, of his natural hand, and is able to support himself and family, is eligible for the degrees?''

Answer—''Section 57 of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, which in addition to other qualifications states as follows: 'He must be so far free from physical defects as to be able to conform literally to the work of the several degrees.' ''

''After quoting the above requirement as to physical qualifications, I stated to the High Priest making the inquiry that whether the candidate was so far free from physical defects as to conform literally to the work of the Chapter, must be decided by him as High Priest of the Chapter, and by the members of the Chapter if the petition were submitted to them for their consideration. That in case of doubt, the responsibility would rest on the High Priest having the matter under consideration. I also stated that in my opinion we should not be led to be far afield from the Landmarks of Masonry as laid down in this Jurisdiction, and should not be too anxious to make exceptions in particular cases, that would conflict with the well-known and proper rules which have been our guides in such matters.''

Now if that is not the finest example of a Decision which does *not* decide anything which we have ever

seen, we don't remember the other. We would respectfully suggest an Amendment to the Section of the Constitution above cited, so that it would read: "He must be so far free from physical defect, *unless supplied with artificial appliances, which can take the place in a surprising degree,* so as to conform literally to the work of the several degrees." Then all would be clear and well understood, and questions of physical fitness would be referred to the orthopedic surgeon.

Twenty-eight Dispensations were granted, mostly to install officers out of time, and to confer degrees in places other than the regular Chapter halls.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows:

Balance on Hand	$120,876.84
Cash Received from Grand Secretary	21,401.14
Interest	5,001.96
Total	$147,279.94
Disbursements	18,347.64
Balance on Hand	$128,932.30

We note that the Grand Chapter directed one hundred thousand dollars to be drawn from the above amount and set aside as a permanent fund. Such fund not to be drawn against, except upon resolution duly made in Grand Chapter, which resolution shall lie over until the next Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter.

The Grand Secretary's report shows, *inter alia,* the following statistics:

Exalted	2357	
Affiliated	109	
Restored	150	
Total Increase		2616
Demitted	289	
Suspended	740	
Expelled	3	
Died	614	
Total Decrease		1646
Net Increase		970
Present Membership	40,368	

The Grand Lecturer's report is voluminous in detail, and shows great activity, but he must be active to give instructions to two hundred and seven Chapters, comprising over forty thousand members.

We note that the resolution to divide the State into Districts and appoint a District Deputy Grand High Priest over each District was up again, and laid over until the next Annual Convocation. This same Amendment to the Constitution was lost in 1913. However, we think they will come to it after while. It is the only feasible way to govern so large a Jurisdiction.

The Mark Degree was exemplified by the Grand Lecturer for the benefit of the Grand Chapter.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is by Companion M. I. Greenwood. Fifty-three Grand Jurisdictions are reviewed and many valuable statistics given, and excerpts from the proceedings which he deemed of interest to the Companions of New York, but practically without comment. Pennsylvania for 1913 is accorded Fraternal review.

M. E. Alfred Adams, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Charles C. Hunt, Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.

NEW ZEALAND.

The Twenty-third Annual Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Christchurch, on Wednesday, February 3, 1915, at two o'clock P. M.

They have a Roll Call in New Zealand. Twenty-five Chapters and sixty-six members were present.

The Minutes were printed and circulated, so that their reading was on motion dispensed with.

The following is an interesting table of

DOCUMENTS AND BOOKS ISSUED.

The following parchments, certificates and books have been issued during the year:

Charters	2
Patents	23
R. A. Diplomas	172
Principals' Diplomas	94
I. M. M. Diplomas	13
Mark Diplomas	5
Chair Degree Diplomas	28
Ark M. Certificates	46
Red Cross Certificates	36
R. A. Rituals	98
Side Degree Rituals	7
Installation Rituals	11
Constitutions	109
Books of Demits	2
Dispensations	9
	655

Two new Chapters were "instituted" during the year.

The absence of the G. Z. was thus accounted for:

"Grand Chapter will very deeply regret the absence of M. E. Companion J. J. Esson from this Convocation. Though most unostentatious in disposition, our distinguished Companion is possessed of no mean ability, while his suavity of manner is a most attractive characteristic. It was anticipated that this meeting today would have been subject to his able rule and governance, and his wise counsels would have materially assisted in our deliberations, but in the great war crisis the call of duty came to him and as a loyal subject and a good Freemason he responded. As indicating that we are not singular in acknowledging his ability, the military authorities offered our Companion a high appointment which requires great administrative ability and we, knowing him so well, have the greatest confidence that the trust reposed in him has not been misplaced. While deeply regretting the absence of our esteemed First Grand Principal we rejoice in his selection to a position of great trust, and it is our fervent hope that he may return unscathed from the terrible conflict which is now raging, and throughout the campaign our best wishes go with him."

A formal agreement was entered into between the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Freemasons of Scot-

land and the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Zealand covered in nine articles, from which we quote the first and last:

"The Grand Chapter of Scotland and the Grand Chapter of New Zealand have agreed and hereby agree:

"'1st—That (a) the Grand Chapter of New Zealand is and shall be the recognized Grand Chapter of the Dominion of New Zealand, under the reservation and declaration that the Chapters holding of the Grand Chapter of Scotland which are named in the schedule hereto attached shall be entitled to adhere to the allegiance to that Grand Chapter, and to practice Royal Arch Freemasonry in New Zealand under its jurisdiction, notwithstanding the recognition herein of the Grand Chapter of New Zealand.

"'9th—That the terms and conditions above expressed and set forth are the terms and conditions settled, concluded, and agreed upon between the Grand Chapter of Scotland and the Grand Chapter of New Zealand, and are to be kept and observed as binding and obligatory on these bodies in the future to the extent of the several obligations affecting each of them respectively, and the respective First Grand Principals of each Grand Chapter have subscribed these presents as ratifying and confirming the same for themselves and their successors, and the seals of their respective Grand Chapters have been affixed thereto.

Executed in duplicate at Edinburgh, this day of , and at Wellington, this day of .'"

The Alberta question is exhaustively treated of in the following official document from the

"GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA.

"Office of the M. E. and Grand Z.,

"Sarnia, Ont., June 6, 1914.

"To Whom it may Concern, and especially to each and every the Most Excellent Grand Chapters of Royal Arch Masons throughout the world with which this Grand Chapter holds friendly and fraternal relations, and which acknowledge and record recognition to its supremacy over the territory constitutionally defined as within its lawful jurisdiction.

"*Most Excellent Companions:*

"Mindful of the time-honoured comity existing among authorized governing bodies of the Royal Craft, and with the sole desire to preserve that bond in unimpaired and harmonious unity, I am constrained to respectfully

report a regrettable incident of recent occurrence which may probably come to your knowledge in other guise and with totally different intention.

"For some two years or more certain malcontent Companions, members of Subordinate Chapters in the Province of Alberta, a district embraced in the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, have been surreptitiously agitating in the direction of the establishment of an independent Grand Chapter. Intimation of such movement having been conveyed to me, I referred to the same in my address to the last Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter and the views therein expressed were approved by that body.—*Vide* printed Proceedings, 1914.

"The object of the agitation, which as it now transpires developed seditionary aims, may, or may not, have had at the outset some claim to consideration, but neither then nor since has any plea, petition or communication of any kind whatsoever for a hearing or authoritative sanction on behalf of their desire been submitted to myself directly or through the recognized official channel.

"On the contrary, having by devious methods, as enquiry reveals, influenced a sufficient number to enable them to carry their point, a meeting was called in the city of Calgary on the 29th of May, and there and then, in spite of appeals from Companions who urged a reference to Grand Chapter, forced through their resolutions to the culmination sought for: a 'Grand' Chapter of Alberta, so called, was formed, 'Grand' Principals, 'Grand' Secretary, etc., elected and installed, and otherwise exercised the functions and prerogatives of a regularly authorized Grand Chapter.

"These facts being reported to me, I forthwith ordered the suspension from all rights and privileges of legitimate Royal Arch Masonry of the leaders in this act of flagrant rebellion, notifying the Chapters of same and warning the latter of similar fate should any support to the traitorous organization be accorded, and further that the so-called Grand Chapter of Alberta, being irregular, spurious and clandestine, must be so regarded by all regularly constituted Chapters as well as by every loyal Companion.

"As it is probable that this wholly irregular body, styled by its promoters 'the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta,' may seek recognition of regularly constituted Grand Chapters which admit the supremacy of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada within the jurisdiction defined by its Constitution, I deemed it my duty to apprise all of the facts as set forth, the same having come to my knowledge from authentic and reliable sources, and to emphasize the assurance that the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada is now, as heretofore, in occupation of the territory known geographically as the Province of Alberta.

"Fraternally and Respectfully,

"L. F. ALDEWATT, *Grand Z.*,

"Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada."

From the address of the Most Excellent Grand Z. we extract the following earnest and heartfelt words:

"Let me first add my own testimony to the remarks made in our Convocation today, relative to the admiration all of us feel towards our respected and beloved Companion, my immediate predecessor, who, as you all know, at once nobly responded to his country's call, and is now holding a most responsible position in New Zealand's Expeditionary Force. This Grand Chapter may well feel proud of our I. P. G. Principal. Let us remember him in our prayers to the Most High, together with the other members of our Order who are at the front, nobly doing their duty in the service of our King and Empire. I venture to suggest that as a special token of respect and esteem, a special page be set apart in the printed copy of the proceedings of this Communication, to commemorate the names of those of our Companions who are in the fighting line nobly defending those of us who from various causes are unable to participate at the front.

"At this Convocation our Grand Chapter meets under such conditions as have never obtained before in its history, and it behoves us to consider carefully what our actions should be under the unusual stress laid upon our country. If there is anything at all in our Freemasonry, it is in such times of trouble that the teachings of our Fraternity will enable us to meet with fortitude and courage the trials that the untoward nature of the present emergency may bring, nay, Companions, must bring to us.

"As Royal Arch Freemasons, we should consider ourselves doubly pledged to carry out, both in letter and spirit, the lessons taught by our Ritual. It seems to me that the strain of recent events can only tend to bring all classes closer together, each understanding the other better, and if this is so, it surely is also a time for the strengthening of our Masonic bands, the dropping of petty disputes, and the utter disregard of all differences. Let us, therefore, determine to put our whole hearts into the practice of Freemasonry; let our Chapter meetings be characterized by a strong endeavor, not only to practise our Ritual and carry out our ceremonies according to 'line and rule,' but let us breathe into them the spirit of our Fraternity, so that our candidates will indeed realize that they have entered into a real life of brotherhood. Let us see that the terms 'brother' and 'companion' are not merely empty words, but that those found worthy to be received within the veil are indeed admitted to the loving circle of our hearts, and that we consider ourselves equally pledged to serve them."

The pamphlet itself closes with a "Memento Mori", and the beautiful words, taken at will from

Longfellow's Resignation poem, and the rest of the quotation from another author.

"There is no death; the stars go down
To rise upon some fairer shore."

ARTHUR CHARLES ANDREWS, First Grand Principal Z.

HERBERT J. WILLIAMS, Grand Scribe E.

S. B.

NOVA SCOTIA, 1914.

The Forty-fifth Annual Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nova Scotia was held in Masonic Hall, in the city of Halifax, June 9, 1914.

There were present at the opening of the Grand Chapter, eleven of the fourteen Subordinate Chapters and the Representatives of many Grand Jurisdictions, Pennsylvania being among those present.

The address of the Grand High Priest deals entirely with the details of his work for the year. Five Dispensations were granted, none to hasten the work, however. No Decisions were called for during the year.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence, like our own, is the joint report of three members (we

have five). They give the Companions of Nova Scotia an excellent review of the different Grand Jurisdictions. We like the whole report and are sure that it will be of benefit to the Companions who find time and opportunity to read it. Pennsylvania for 1913 is given a very careful review and liberal extracts made from Companion WELLS's address. Companion WADDELL calls attention to the fact that Nova Scotia was missed last year by our Committee. Well, we are doing double duty this year.

The Grand Secretary's report shows exaltations, 130; affiliated, 10; reinstated, 5. Total gain, 145; loss, 69; net gain, 79; present membership, 1515.

M. E. Grand High Priest GEORGE D. MCDOUGALL.

M. E. Companion SAMUEL J. WADDELL, Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.

NOVA SCOTIA, 1915.

The Forty-sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nova Scotia was held in Masonic Temple, in the city of Charlottetown, P. E. I., beginning at ten o'clock A. M., June 22, 1915.

M. E. Companion GEORGE D. MCDOUGALL, Grand High Priest, delivered his annual address, in which he touchingly referred to the dead of his own Grand

Chapter and sympathized with Sister Jurisdictions in losses sustained of distinguished and loved Companions, among them our own lamented Companion BELL.

Two Decisions are reported, viz.:

"When a Blue Lodge suspends a Brother who is a Royal Arch Mason for non-payment of dues, such Companion shall be suspended from his Royal Arch Masonic functions for the period while such Craft suspension continues in force, subject of course to appeal to Grand Chapter."

A Companion expelled from all the rights and privileges of Masonry by the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia is also expelled from all the rights and privileges of Royal Arch Masonry and will remain so during the life of the edict of expulsion as pronounced by the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia. All of which seems very sound Masonic Law to us in Pennsylvania.

Five Dispensations were granted, two of them being to Chapters to wear Masonic Clothing in public for the purpose of attending Divine Service, and three to install officers at other than the regular time prescribed by their By-laws.

After reporting his Visitations he says:

"You will note that I have visited the whole of the seventeen Chapters of the obedience of this Jurisdiction. The accomplishment of this took up about four weeks of time and necessitated the traveling of 4500 miles, and was a severe task on the limited time I was able to get away from business. I have not attempted to detail the many courtesies extended to me, but I do wish to say that in practically every case my hotel expenses were

paid and collations in some form or other were served. For all of this I have thanked various Companions and only mention the matter here so that I may more emphatically thank them again now.

"At all of my visitations I took up the question as to the advisability of Chapters insisting on the candidates passing an examination on previous degree before being advanced. Believing this procedure would tend to produce better informed Royal Arch Masons I urged the Chapters to seriously consider the advisability of such requirement, so that their representative might the better be enabled to discuss the matter at lengh, should such a question at any time come before this Grand Chapter."

We are glad to say that the Grand Chapter concurred in the recommendation and all Chapters were urged to enforce compliance therewith as far as possible.

The Grand Chapter voted $300 to the Red Cross and Patriotic funds.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is the composite work of the three members, Companions W. Marshall Black, S. J. Waddell and Thomas Van B. Bingay.

Companion Waddell in the introduction gives way to the following musings:

"In presenting the following report the writer is consumed with curiosity as to whether five per cent. of the Past High Priests and officers, to say nothing of the Companions at large, ever take the trouble to read what it costs their Committee many weary hours to prepare. We sincerely doubt if ten per cent. of our Grand and Past Grand Officers ever do so. This is simply disgraceful if we are correct in our surmise. We do not claim that it is worth reading, that is for them to say. But having been honored by preferment at the hands of Grand Chapter, it is clearly their duty to find out if the blessed thing is worth the paper and ink that it costs."

Never mind, Companion WADDELL, just think of the delight with which your report is read by the Committees on Foreign Correspondence all over the United States. What your readers may lack in number they make up in intelligent appreciation.

In answer to a question propounded by Companion WROTH, of New Mexico, as to the difference and relations between Mark Master Lodges and Royal Arch Chapters under the Jurisdiction of England, Companion BINGAY says:

"On December 27, 1813, the English Rite of Freemasonry was declared to 'consist of three degrees and no more, namely, those of the Entered Apprentice, the Fellow Craft, and the Master Mason, including the Supreme Order of the Royal Arch.' The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons practically holds allegiance to the United Grand Lodge of England, and Royal Arch Masonry consists of only one degree. The Mark Master Degree is not recognized as a necessary part of the symbolic rite, although it has received recognition by Grand Lodge as a 'valuable adjunct to the degree of Fellow Craft.' The Mark Master Lodges are held under the authority of Warrants issued by the Grand Mark Master Masons' Lodge, and they confer the degrees of Mark Master and Royal Ark Mariner. The Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons is a wealthy body and does an immense amount of good in a Masonic way. The American Rite of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch has of course no recognition as a system in England."

Pennsylvania is accorded a very fraternal review, and liberal quotations made from the Grand High Priest's address.

M. E. WALTER P. DOULL, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Companion S. J. WADDELL, Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.

OHIO, 1914.

The Ninety-eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Ohio was held in Youngstown, October 7, 1914.

This is one of the really big Jurisdictions of the United States, not only numerically, but in every other way. The proceedings of their Grand Chapter comes to us in a handsome volume of about three hundred and seventy pages, beautifully printed and well indexed.

At the opening of the volume we are welcomed by a fine portrait of WILLIAM E. EVANS, Most Excellent Grand High Priest. The volume also contains a fine portrait of Most Excellent Companion FRANK CRUMIT, Past Grand High Priest, of Ohio, who died January 15, 1914. There is also an excellent likeness of M. E. Companion BERNARD G. WITT, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States. That was a happy thought of the Ohio Companions, to show their Chapters the head of Capitular Masonry, in all but a few Grand Jurisdictions. We note that at the banquet M. E. Companion WITT responded to the toast: "The General Grand Chapter."

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form,* after which the General Grand High Priest and General Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter of the United States were introduced and welcomed by the Grand Chapter.

The Grand High Priest in his annual address reports the constitution of three new Chapters, as Nos. 192, 193, 194. Also the granting of Dispensations for four new Chapters, viz., one at Toledo, two at Cleveland, and one at Port Clinton, and his refusal of a Dispensation for a Chapter at Cleveland. Five Dispensations to move Chapter halls were granted and a number of Dispensations to hold elections at times other than those provided by the By-laws. No Decisions are reported.

Under fraternal courtesies he reports that degrees were conferred upon eight Candidates, residents of other Jurisdictions, by Ohio Chapters at the request of the Grand High Priests of the other Jurisdictions, two being from Pennsylvania.

The Grand Secretary's report shows that there were 2854 exaltations, 366 admitted, and 265 reinstated last year. Total loss by death, withdrawals, suspensions and expulsions 1461, leaving a net gain of 1461.

This is much the largest gain of any year in the history of the Grand Chapter of Ohio, and is credited by the Grand High Priest to the efficiency and activity of the twenty-seven Inspectors.

In the expenditures are orders to the Masonic Home aggregating $13,813.50, of which amount $8,313.50 is a per capita tax. Very handsome, Companions of Ohio, you have neither forgotten nor neglected the lessons of the Mark Degree.

Like all other Grand Chapters which have come under our notice in the Alberta matter "the Grand Chapter deems it unwise under the present conditions to take any action in the premises."

The first business of the second session was the election, at which M. E. Companion CHARLES L. HARROD, of Columbus, Ohio, was elected Grand High Priest, and all others in line advanced.

A Roll Call of the Grand Representatives of other Jurisdictions disclosed the fact that the neighboring Jurisdiction in the East was not represented. Wonder what had become of Companion IREDELL, the representative from Pennsylvania?

At the banquet held on Thursday evening there was "much speaking." The addresses in response to the toasts, "Our Grand Chapter," "The Grand Lodge," "A Cryptic Viewpoint," "The Grand Commandery of Ohio" and "Ritualism" are printed in an addenda and show that many phases of Masonry were discussed.

A very complete report from the Masonic Home at Springfield, Ohio, is given. They had 186 inmates during the year, divided as follows: 76 men, 62 women, 27 boys, 23 girls. These were taken care of at an average cost of about $244 each for the year.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by M. E. Companion O. P. SPERRA. He

reviews the proceedings of fifty-seven Grand Chapters, twelve of them being double-headers. Pennsylvania for 1913 is accorded a fraternal review, a very liberal extract being made from the annual address of Grand High Priest WELLS.

M. E. Companion CHARLES L. HARROD, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion EDWIN HAGENBUCH, Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.

OHIO, 1915.

The Ninety-ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio was held in the city of Cincinnati, October 6, and 7, 1915. One hundred and seventy-eight Chapters were represented and three were not represented. Many Grand Representatives were present, among them we note the one from Pennsylvania.

The Grand High Priest, Companion CHARLES L. HARROD, paid a very loving tribute to those who have passed on ahead during the past year. He notes the passing of 487 worthy Companions, including two Past Grand High Priests.

The Grand High Priest reports the constitution and consecration of five new Chapters during the

year. Sixty-eight Visitations were made. No questions of sufficient importance were received to call for an official decision.

There were 2775 exaltations during the year, with a net gain of 1952, making the present membership 39,136.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations recommended the granting of Charters to four new Chapters, which was unanimously agreed to.

There is a very complete record of the Masonic Home of Ohio, which is under the management of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, but to which the Grand Chapter of Ohio is a very liberal contributor. In fact it levies an annual per capita tax on its members for this Masonic Home, as well as contributing liberally out of its general fund towards its maintenance. The report for this year shows 89 men of an average age of 71½ years; 30 boys of an average age of 12 years; 22 girls of an average age of 11 years; and a total of 205 persons cared for during the year.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is from the pen of M. E. Past Grand High Priest Oreon P. Sperra. In ninety-five pages he reviews forty-eight Jurisdictions, those of England, Scotland, Victoria and West Virginia being double-headers.

His reviews are brief and pointed, quoting sparingly, and still more economical of comment. He

gives to the Companions of Ohio, however, in a very compact manner a comprehensive view of the Capitular field for the year. Pennsylvania is accorded two pages of review, and note is made of the fact that Ohio is omitted in Pennsylvania's review for 1914. Well, we didn't get the proceedings in time. In concluding he says: "It is a long and irksome journey from Alabama to Wyoming." Well, there are many pleasant stopping places along the way, and among them none more so than Ohio.

The next meeting of the Grand Chapter of Ohio will be held in the city of Columbus, October 4, 1916. As this is the one hundredth meeting of this Grand Chapter, special preparations for the Centennial observance are placed in the hands of a Committee.

We have been disheartened in reviewing the proceedings of this Great Jurisdiction. Everything has been so carefully planned and carried out that it has the appearance to the onlooker of a well-oiled machine. Just think of it; a Jurisdiction with two hundred Chapters and nearly forty thousand members and not a question raised of sufficient moment to require an official decision. Such unanimity is too much for us to understand.

M. E. Companion Frank J. Crane, Grand High Priest.

M. E. Companion Edwin Hagenbuch, Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.

OKLAHOMA.

The Twenty-sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Oklahoma was held at Oklahoma City, April 20 and 21, 1915.

The proceedings come promptly to us in an excellently printed volume bearing as its frontispiece a portrait of M. E. Companion CHARLES WORMAN TEDROWE, Grand High Priest, accompanied with a biographical sketch. From this sketch we would infer that the Companions of Oklahoma do not believe in waiting until a Companion is dead to say nice things about him, but say them right to his face, while he is living and can talk back.

There is also a portrait of the present M. E. Grand High Priest, EDGAR COOK, together with a biographical sketch.

The Grand High Priest, after prayer, opened the Grand Chapter in *Ample Form,* there being present Representatives of sixty Subordinate Chapters, and many Grand Representatives. Pennsylvania not being among the number. This has occurred in 1913, 1914 and 1915.

M. E. Companion TEDROWE, in his annual address and report, pays a loving tribute to the dead of their own and Sister Jurisdictions. He reports the constitution of a new Chapter as Snyder Chapter No. 76, and the granting of a Dispensation

to form a new Chapter at Poteaw. He notes that the Grand Secretary required the Companions petitioning for a Dispensation to file with him duly authenticated certificates of their membership in a Masonic Lodge. This we presume was in addition to their dimits from their respective Chapters. This looks good to us.

Seven Dispensations are reported, four of them being to receive and ballot on petitions without waiting the statutory time. One of them in particular attracts our attention. A Chapter being in a manner dead (not having held a meeting in two years) he gave a Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest instructions to go there with full authority to act for the best interests of Capitular Masonry. He (the Past Grand High Priest) reports that they labored for three days and nights and succeeded in resurrecting the Chapter and Council. "They received three petitions, granted special Dispensations to ballot on them, without regard to time; that they conferred these degrees and afterwards he granted Dispensations to elect and install the officers."

The delegation of the authority to grant Dispensations to any one by the Grand High Priest, seems to us like extending the "prudent relaxation of a general law" a little too far. Of course we recognize that the power to grant such Dispensations in the absence of a specific constitutional prohibition, is inherent in the Grand High Priest; but we do not think that his

inherent power reaches far enough to grant a roving commission to any one to grant Dispensations at will wherever he thinks "it for the best interest of Capitular Masonry." We note that two other roving commissions of a like tenor were sent out, but there is no report on one, and the other reports that he has been unable to do anything with the Companions of the Chapter to which he was sent.

Under the head of Visitations he says:

"It was my object to visit Chapters that were not doing the work they should in order to stimulate them. I am sorry to state that to those I proposed a revival I was discouraged from the attempt at the time."

Entirely too modest. A Grand High Priest ought not to ask a Chapter the privilege of visiting it, but give the Chapter *Ample* notice and visit it. We all do entirely too much coddling at times for the real best interests of Masonry. If a Chapter or Lodge is in unworthy, weak or incompetent hands, it would often be far better for the general good of Freemasonry, were it to be taken entirely from such hands.

In justification of the foregoing, we will quote a paragraph from the Grand High Priest's address:

"What we need in the Grand Jurisdiction more than revenue, what we need more than new members, what we need more than new Chapters, is enthusiasm, interest, and a desire for work on the part of those established."

In other words, his plea is not for more, but better Masons. This is the reason we have always op-

posed Dispensations and all other short cuts, to the degrees, or the giving of soothing syrups to sick Chapters.

A most pleasing incident of this meeting was the celebration of the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma. (We believe it was Indian Territory, then.) We learn that the Grand Chapter consisted of but four Chapters when formed. Thirty-one members are still living who were members at its organization and eight were present at the meeting. Among them being the present efficient Grand Secretary, Companion LEO EDMOND BENNETT. The total original membership was only 113. We learn that to Companion BENNETT has been assigned the task, nay we ought to say the privilege, of writing the History of Capitular Masonry in Oklahoma, and we do not entertain any doubt it will be such a work as will be a permanent addition to the Masonic History of the Southwest.

We note that in pursuance of a suggestion of the Grand High Priest in his address, the State has been divided into five inspection Districts, and each District assigned to one of the Grand Officers. This we think is a very wise move, and if the work is well done and systematically followed up it will beat a "Dispensation to shorten statutory time to ballot" all to pieces.

The Secretary's report is a model, which many Grand Secretaries could with profit to their Grand Chapters follow.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by Companion Leo Edmond Bennett, and it is an excellent one. You can scarcely believe after reading it that Companion Bennett actually tried to get the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma to abolish it last year, because Companion Kneesley, who had been doing the work so well had died. Well, the Grand Chapter not only turned Companion Bennett's proposition down, but just think, they made him write the report. Well, they evidently knew him, for in 106 pages he has reviewed fifty-five Grand Jurisdictions, going all the way from Alabama to Wyoming, by way of Canada, England, Scotland, Ireland (which didn't send him their proceedings), Quebec and New Brunswick. We don't know whether the Companions of Oklahoma read it or not, but we have read it, and our verdict is, that if they have not read it they have missed one of the best correspondence reports written.

Pennsylvania is accorded three pages of very Fraternal review and lament made that he does not know into whose hands he will fall this year in Pennsylvania. Well, the same as last year.

The Grand Secretary reports membership, 5200;

exalted during the year, 405; affiliated, 73; reinstated, 31; gross gain, 509; present membership, 5271.

M. E. Companion Edward Cook, Grand High Priest.

Companion Leo Edmond Bennett, Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.

OREGON.

The Fifty-fifth Annual Conclave of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Oregon, was held in Portland, June 14, 1915. The Grand Chapter met in the shadow of a great sorrow; just five days after his installation as Grand High Priest, Companion Marshall was stricken with paralysis and died the same evening. Companion Clyde Evans, Deputy Grand High Priest, immediately succeeded to the office and judging from the proceedings gave the Fraters of Oregon a most excellent administration.

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form,* after which the Grand Chapter formed in line, while the Representatives of other Grand Chapters were received and welcomed; Pennsylvania being among those represented.

The Acting Grand High Priest then delivered the annual address, first paying a beautiful tribute to

Companion MARSHALL, the deceased Grand High Priest. Fraternal notice is also given to the dead of their own and other Jurisdictions; the deaths of Companions BELL and LAUGHLIN, of Pennsylvania, being among those noted.

The Acting Grand High Priest reports as his first official act the refusal of a Dispensation to waive the statutory time to receive a petition, ballot and initiate a Candidate at a Special Convocation, for the purpose of allowing the Brother to hurry through and take the Shrine. One such application to waive the statutory time was granted and the reasons given therefore were good, and all the Companions of the Chapter had due notice of the petitions.

Every request to use two substitutes in the Royal Arch Degree was refused. This seems to be the law out there, and being the law should be enforced.

One new Chapter was constituted and one Dispensation for a new Chapter granted.

Among the Decisions we note, that a Royal Arch Mason presenting his petition for affiliation should furnish a copy of his Mark to the Chapter for the Lodge Book of Marks.

A Mason formerly living in the East, presented his petition for affiliation to a Lodge and a Chapter; the Chapter acted first and approved the petition;

subsequently the Lodge rejected the petition presented to it. The Grand High Priest decided that before a petition for affiliation could be presented to the Chapter the petitioner must be a member in good standing in some Blue Lodge.

Eight official Visitations are reported. Under the head of General Good of the Order he says:

"It is my earnest conviction that more good would be accomplished if the Chapters were able to receive Visitations from the Grand High Priest or some one who could give them the needed instruction, and these visits would have a tendency to create a greater interest in Masonry."

Quite true. Why not try the plan of dividing the State into Districts composed of a number of Chapters, which will be under the direct supervision of an Inspector, or District Deputy Grand High Priest, who would regularly visit the Chapters, inspect their work, and to whom they can in the first instance apply for instruction. This in time develops a set of men well-trained all over the State, who can be of inestimable assistance to a Grand Officer, and will do more to unify the work than any one system of which we have any knowledge.

The Grand Secretary's report shows 249 exaltations, 17 reinstatements, 70 admitted, making a gross gain of 336. Loss, 120; net gain, 216; present membership, 4052; number of Chapters, 35.

A Special Committee, to which was referred the recognition of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, recommended that action thereon be deferred until the next Annual Convocation, which report was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by Companion HENRY B. THIELSON, Past Grand High Priest. In it he reviews fifty-four Grand Chapters. Five pages are given to a very fair review of Alberta, and the statements of the Companions of Alberta, setting forth their reasons for the formation of a Grand Chapter, given in full. Under Canada a like space is devoted to the objections of the Grand Chapter of Canada to the proceedings of the Companions of the Province of Alberta in forming a Grand Chapter.

Pennsylvania is accorded a Fraternal review of three pages, and liberal quotations made from M. E. Grand High Priest's address. We also note some quotations from our review of Oregon. He says he does not find in the proceedings any report of a Convention of the Order of High Priesthood. No, there is not, for we don't have any organization of that kind in Pennsylvania. Each High Priest after his election is duly installed in his Chapter, and the Order of High Priesthood conferred on him. None but Past High Priests being present.

We would like to quote more from Companion THIELSON'S reviews, but must pass on.

M. E. Companion CLYDE EVANS, Grand High Priest.

Companion JAMES F. ROBINSON, Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.

QUEBEC.

The Thirty-eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Quebec was held in the city of Montreal, March 24, 1915.

The Grand Chapter was called to order and the Committee on Credentials, reported that a constitutional number of Chapters were represented. The Grand Principals were then announced, received and the Grand Chapter opened in *Ample Form.* We note that Pennsylvania was not represented.

The Grand First Principal Z. in his annual address pays a loving tribute to the fraternal dead of his own and other Jurisdictions. A very considerable portion of the address is devoted to war conditions, and note made of the fact that many of the Companions have gone to the front.

The Grand Z. says: "That next to obedience to lawfully constituted authority, a manly and determined resistance to lawless violence is the first step in our social duties."

He also reports the first distinctive Church service organized by the Royal Arch Masons of Montreal District, held in the Church of St. James. Over one thousand Royal Arch Masons in full Regalia attended the service. It was not a mere lip service, as over $350 was taken up for the Red Cross and Belgian Relief Funds.

Three new Chapters were constituted during the year, which is a gain in the Jurisdiction of twenty per cent.

The net increase in membership in the Jurisdiction is fifty-three.

There is also reported the appeal of the First Grand Principal Z. to the Companions of Quebec for each Companion to forward one dollar towards the Canadian Patriotic Fund.

The reports from the District Superintendent, four in number, show a careful supervision of the Chapters.

The total membership of the Jurisdiction as shown by the Secretary's returns is 1659.

The Grand Lecturer made a very careful and comprehensive report of his work during the year, and the Committee on State of the Order say of him: "His diligence and devotion to his work is prolific in results."

The Committee on Finance and Benevolence recommended that there be appropriated from the Grand Chapter Fund for Patriotic purposes the sum of one thousand dollars, and that this sum together with all other contributions by Royal Arch Masons, be paid to the Canadian Red Cross. This recommendation was agreed to by the Grand Chapter.

We note one error in the printed list of Grand Secretaries for Pennsylvania, CHARLES CARY. This is partly true, as he is Grand Secretary Emeritus, but the name of the real active Grand Secretary of Pennsylvania is STOCKTON BATES.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by Companion E. D. T. CHAMBERS, Past Grand Z.

Under Canada is printed a complete statement of both sides of the Alberta controversy.

The Correspondent, in one hundred and thirty-five pages, has gone entirely over the field of Capitular Masonry for the preceding year, and with much labor gathered the brightest gems of wisdom and sweetest flowers of rhetoric and placed them before the Companions of Quebec for their instruction.

Pennsylvania is accorded a very fraternal notice.

M. E. Companion A. B. WOOD, Grand Z.

M. E. Companion WILL H. WHYTE, Scribe E.

J. M. C.

RHODE ISLAND, 1914.

The One Hundred and Sixteenth Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Rhode Island was held in Providence on Tuesday, March 10, 1914.

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form,* all the Subordinate Chapters being represented and thirty-one Grand Representatives from other Jurisdictions. Pennsylvania's representative being among the number present.

The address of the Grand High Priest dealt entirely with local matters. The establishment of a new Chapter, viz., Narragansett Chapter No. 11, is reported. This is the first Chapter constituted in this Jurisdiction in forty years, and consequently was quite an event.

The inspection of the eleven Subordinate Chapters in this Jurisdiction is carried on by the Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe. Each of these Grand Officers make a separate report of his work, which is printed as a part of the proceedings.

There are collected and promulgated as a part of the organic law twenty-five standing orders and decisions made since 1904. These have all been noted in former reports at the time they were made.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is by Companion S. Penrose Williams. In it he reviews very briefly, and usually without comment, most of the Grand Jurisdictions. Pennsylvania is accorded a very fraternal review.

The Grand Secretary's report shows a total membership last year of 4224; exalted, 270; admitted, 9; loss, 115; net gain, 164; present membership, 4388.

M. E. Grand High Priest JAMES H. THURSTON.

R. E. Grand Secretary WILLIAM R. GREENE.

J. M. C.

RHODE ISLAND, 1915.

The One Hundred and Seventeenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Rhode Island was held in the city of Providence, March 9, 1915.

All Subordinate Chapters were represented and a large number of Grand Representatives, among them Pennsylvania's, were present when the Grand Chapter opened.

A loving tribute to those who have ended their labors during the past year was paid by the Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion JAMES H. THURSTON. Much of the address is given to a detailed statement of the work during the year, including visits to three other Grand Jurisdictions. He regretfully reports that but two of the Subordinate Chapters invited him to visit them during the year. He recommends the re-election of the Grand High Priest for a second

term (the same as in Pennsylvania), but the Committee on Grand Officers in their report say, "that the action of the annual election should be governed by the conditions existing at that time. As those conditions cannot be foreseen, we believe any action by the Grand Chapter in regard to that matter would be unwise," which recommendation of the Committee was adopted.

The Deputy Grand High Priest, King and Scribe, each made a separate report of their work during the year, including visits to each of the Subordinate Chapters; perhaps that is why the Chapters did not invite the Grand High Priest.

The Grand Secretary's report shows eleven Subordinate Chapters, with a membership of 4641, a net gain for the year of 253.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by Companion S. Penrose Williams. In a special report he favors the Grand Chapter of Alberta, but "cannot believe otherwise than that the Grand Chapter of Canada, recognizing the inevitable, will soon withdraw its opposition to this promising offspring. Anticipating this pleasing possibility, we will offer no recommendation at this time."

Forty-seven Jurisdictions are reviewed in one hundred and sixteen pages, devoted to Foreign Correspondence. To Pennsylvania fell one of the pages where the proceedings of the Grand Chapter are re-

viewed. He says that the custom of installing the Grand King at the Quarterly Communication in December is peculiar to Pennsylvania. Nothing of the kind. It was an exception made in favor of our beloved Companion WINFIELD S. BELL to enable him to go South that much earlier, in the hope that his feeble health might be conserved; a hope which we regret exceedingly was not realized. Except for special reasons the officers of the Grand Chapter are always installed on St. John's Day at the Annual Communication of the Grand Chapter.

M. E. Companion EDWIN M. WHEELER, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Companion WILLIAM R. GREENE, Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.

SCOTLAND.

We have for review the proceedings of the Quarterly Convocations of September 18, 1914; December 19, 1914; March 5, 1915; June 18, 1915, and September 17, 1915, and the Extra Convocation of October 15, 1915.

Only routine business was transacted at the September and December Convocations, of 1914. Charters were granted for three new Chapters, as Nos. 392, 393, 394, and the Charter of Chapter No. 78 re-

turned, and it erased from the rolls. The new Chapters are located at Queensland, New South Wales, and New Zealand, respectively.

Under New South Wales "it was agreed to give consent to the taking of a Referendum as desired by the District Grand Chapter of New South Wales." We understand this to relate to the formation of New South Wales into an independent Grand Chapter.

At the Quarterly Convocation in March, 1915, Grand Office Bearers were elected. The Right Honorable THE EARL OF CASSILLIS was re-elected First Grand Principal Z. by acclamation. The Earl was not present, he being at the front, in the service of his country.

A Charter for a new Chapter, to be located in Edinburg, was granted.

Only routine business was transacted at the June Convocation. A Charter was granted for a new Chapter, No. 396, to meet at Vizianagram, India. The names of the petitioners would indicate that they were all natives. This goes to show the universality of the Craft. Another Charter was granted for a Chapter at Calder, Midlothian. In writing a review of these proceedings you are sometimes at a loss to know if you are not reviewing some work of Kipling, or Scott, so widespread are the Chapters, and the names given them.

At the Quarterly Convocation of September the Earl of Cassillis presided. Before the consideration of business Colonel King Stewart, on behalf of the whole body present extended a most hearty welcome to the Earl, expressing their great pleasure that he was able to give them one evening out of his short leave of absence from the front. The Earl replied most feelingly to the Companions.

Two new Chapters were granted Charters, one at Johannesburg, Transvaal, and one at Lumpur, Selangor, Federated Malay States.

The present edition of the Constitution having been exhausted the proposition of the adoption of a new Constitution was taken up, but on a show of hands it was decided to delay the matter.

A Special Convocation was held Friday, October 15, 1915, at which time the Amendments to the Constitution were considered and adopted. No note is made of what these Amendments were.

A notice of the December Quarterly Convocation has reached us, but the proceedings have not yet arrived.

The Grand Chapter of Scotland will have completed its first century of existence on August 28, 1917. We do not know whether they, like our Brethren of Ohio, who are of the same age as a Grand

Chapter, will celebrate the event in any manner or not.

M. E. Companion Earl of Cassillis, Grand Z.

M. E. Companion Alfred A. Arbuthnot Murray, Grand Scribe E.

J. M. C.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

The One Hundred and Fourteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of South Carolina was held at Greenwood, April 13, 1915.

The Grand Chapter was opened in *Ample Form*, with thirty Subordinate Chapters represented and twenty-one Grand Representatives; Pennsylvania not being represented.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest George S. Mower, in his annual address first pays a loving and beautiful tribute to the memory of M. E. Companion Smythe, Past Grand High Priest, who died June 24, 1914, and also notes many deaths in Subordinate Chapters as well as the dead of Sister Grand Jurisdictions, among them being Companions Bell and Laughlin of Pennsylvania.

He says: "With but few exceptions the Chapters have been active and zealous" during the year. He reports the constitution of one new Chapter.

"For reasons appearing to me good and sufficient" he issued twenty-three Dispensations during the year, nine of them being to receive and ballot on petitions and confer degrees at the same meeting.

Four decisions are reported. The third one, that a Companion who had been tried in the Blue Lodge for unmasonic conduct and suspended for two years, thereby automatically suspending him in the Chapter, could not again be tried on the same charge in the Chapter. This decision was not concurred in by the Committee on Jurisprudence, whose report was adopted.

The Grand Chapter of Alberta was not recognized, and the Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported, "a careful consideration of the facts before us leads us to the conclusion that fraternal recognition should not be accorded that body at this time."

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances report "that they have diligently searched all the Subordinate Chapters and cannot find the slightest trace of an appeal, and as for a grievance, such a thing is unknown to the Royal Craft of South Carolina."

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by Past Grand High Priest Companion J. L. Michie, it being his fifth. Fifty-six Grand Jurisdictions are reviewed, six of them being double-headers. Pennsylvania is accorded a very fraternal

review, and some pleasantries extended to Companion BATES, of the Pennsylvania Committee. Companion MICHIE seems to think with many other "worthy brethren," that Scotland is straining herself a little too much in New South Wales, and thinks that it will not be long until many other Grand Jurisdictions follow Texas and sever fraternal relations with the Grand Chapter of Scotland. He does not agree with Texas, however, that in balloting, any member of a Chapter in the Grand Jurisdiction may, when present, vote on a petition for degrees in any Chapter in the Jurisdiction. We quite agree with Companion MICHIE that this is extending the ballot entirely too far.

In his conclusion he gives a very succinct statement of the Alberta matter, stating the claims of both Alberta and Canada very fairly.

M. E. Companion GEORGE TWIGGS BRYAN, Grand High Priest.

Companion O. FRANK HART, Grand Secretary.

J. M. C.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of South Dakota met in Twenty-sixth Annual Convocation at Masonic Temple, in Sioux Falls, Thursday, June 10, 1915. M. E. Grand High Priest

HUBERT W. BARTLETT presided. All the regular officers were present but the Grand Captain of the Host, the Grand Master of the First Veil and the Grand Royal Arch Captain. Twelve Past Grand High Priests and Representatives of thirty Chapters were also present.

After delivering his annual address the Grand High Priest set forth the record of his official actions, from which we note the following:

"A Dispensation was issued to form a new Chapter at Clark under the name of Olivet Chapter. This is in fact an attempt to revive the former Chapter at that place whose Charter was surrendered some years ago."

The Grand Lecturer visited and instructed twenty-eight Chapters.

The Grand High Priest assisted in conferring the Royal Arch Degree in his own Chapter, Golden Belt, and remarks that it was the only privilege he has had in six years to be present in any Chapter except Grand Chapter.

On January 7, 1915, the Grand High Priest, accompanied by Grand Lecturer Companion IVES, visited Presho Chapter and, after considerable difficulty and delay, succeeding in opening the Chapter at six-thirty the next evening. Nine candidates were in waiting. "We worked until seven-thirty the following morning. At ten o'clock we returned to the hall, when the officers were elected and installed." The Grand High Priest and Companion IVES did most of the work.

The Grand High Priest regretted that he was so situated that he could not do more in the way of visiting the Chapters.

The Treasurer's report shows $4934.69, balance on hand June 10, 1915.

The Grand Secretary celebrated his twenty-fifth year as Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter.

There are thirty-six chartered Chapters and one under Dispensation, with a membership of 3570. Exalted during the year 294. New gain 191. Recommended that a charter be granted to Olivet Chapter, South Dakota.

Suggested that some action be taken in the direction of requiring officers to demonstrate their ability to do the work as a preliminary to advancement in the official line.

M. E. Companion Louis G. Leroy, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, submitted a special report on the new Grand Chapter at Alberta, Canada. This report has evidently been prepared with much care and considerable knowledge of the conditions involved, but concludes with this sentence:

"Under present conditions, while the sympathy of your Committee is with the new organization, it cannot at this time recommend its recognition by this Grand Chapter."

The following named officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Comp. Marcus Poznansky,	*M. E. Grand High Priest.*
" John A. Cleaver,	*R. E. Deputy Grand High Priest.*
" West Babcock,	*R. E. Grand King.*
" William A. Morris,	*R. E. Grand Scribe.*
" Louis Jacobs,	*R. E. Grand Treasurer.*
" Geo. A. Pettigrew,	*R. E. Grand Secretary.*

The next Annual Convocation will be held at Sioux Falls.

H. W. Bartlett, Grand High Priest.

Geo. A. Pettigrew, Grand Secretary.

W. T. T.

TENNESSEE.

The Eighty-seventh Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Tennessee was held in Freemasons' Hall, Nashville, on January 24 and 25, 1916.

The following Grand Officers and fifteen Past Grand High Priests were present:

M. E. Samuel W. Williams,	*Grand High Priest.*
R. E. Philip N. Matlock,	*Deputy Grand High Priest.*
R. E. Charles H. Smart,	*Grand King.*
R. E. James H. Swan,	*Grand Scribe.*
R. E. Nathan S. Woodward,	*Grand Treasurer.*
R. E. Stith M. Cain,	*Grand Secretary.*
R. E. Rev. James C. Cowan,	*Grand Chaplain.*
Comp. Joseph A. Fowler,	*Grand Captain of the Host.*
Comp. Angus G. Bowen,	*Grand Principal Sojourner.*
Comp. Frank E. Bartley,	*Grand Royal Arch Captain.*
Comp. John Wetzler,	*Grand Master Third Vail.*
Comp. Samuel A. Mitchell,	*Grand Master Second Vail.*
Comp. Jno. G. Greer,	*Grand Master First Vail.*
Comp. Jessie A. Whitely,	*Grand Sentinel.*

Seventy-nine of the eighty-six Chapters were represented.

The Grand High Priest delivered an unusually interesting and instructive address—full of wisdom.

The Grand Chapter has met with a great loss in the death of four of their Past Grand High Priests: Judge H. H. Ingersoll, John Berry Garrett, Junius Hobson, John T. Williamson.

Companion Stith M. Cain was appointed and installed Grand Secretary to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Grand Secretary Garrett.

In his report the Grand High Priest said:

"I deeply feel that an effort *ought* to be made to have every Chapter in the State visited upon one of its regular Convocations, either by the Grand High Priest or some other Grand Officer, or Past Grand High Priest, acting under the authority of the Grand High Priest himself. These officers, when making these visitations, should be received and treated with the same consideration as the Grand High Priest. They are acting under his proxy for these special purposes, and should be accorded the same honors."

During the year the Grand High Priest made forty-four official Visitations, and on several occasions conferred the different Capitular Degrees. This is the best evidence of the agreement of the thought and action of the man.

The Grand High Priest also makes an appeal for the Endowment Funds for the Widows and Orphans' Home, and the Old Masons' Home.

In the report of the Grand Treasurer we find that Grand Chapter appropriated $1000 to each of these homes. This, again, is practicing what we preach.

On August 14, 1915, McEwen Chapter No. 137 was consolidated with Dickson Chapter No. 123, under the latter name. McEwen Chapter was destroyed by fire.

The following resolution as to the Grand Chapter of Alberta was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and adopted.

"WHEREAS, A Grand Chapter has been formed in the Province of Alberta, a province of the Dominion of Canada, and asks fraternal recognition of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee, but on account of unfortunate differences existing between the Grand Chapter of Canada and the Grand Chapter of Alberta, we recommend that recognition be postponed for the present."

As was also the following resolution as to the Grand Chapter of Scotland:

"WHEREAS, The Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland has, unmindful of Masonic comity towards American Capitular Masonry, as well as towards other Masonic Grand Bodies, and in violation of the American doctrine of exclusive jurisdiction, and in continuation of her practice to Charter Chapters in any land wheresoever she please, has chartered Keystone Chapter in the city of Manila, Philippine Islands, a territory of the United States, and has persistently ignored all overtures from the General Grand Chapter of the United States, touching a settlement of the matter; therefore be it

"*Resolved,* That the Grand Chapter of Tennessee sever fraternal relations with the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland and the Chapters under her Constitution until such time as she sees fit to rectify the wrong done by the invasion of another's territory."

The Royal Arch Degree was conferred on three brethren by the Grand Officers.

The following Grand Officers were elected and installed:

Comp.	P. N. Matlock,	*Grand High Priest.*
"	C. H. Smart,	*Deputy Grand High Priest.*
"	J. H. Swan,	*Grand King.*
"	J. A. Fowler,	*Grand Scribe.*
"	N. S. Woodward,	*Grand Treasurer.*
"	Stith M. Cain,	*Grand Secretary.*
"	J. C. Cowan,	*Grand Chaplain.*
"	A. G. Bowen,	*Grand Captain of the Host.*
"	Frank E. Bartley,	*Grand Principal Sojourner.*
"	John Wetzler,	*Grand Royal Arch Captain.*
"	S. A. Mitchell,	*Grand Master Third Vail.*
"	Jno. G. Greer,	*Grand Master Second Vail.*
"	J. Winfield Darby,	*Grand Master First Vail.*
"	J. A. Whitely,	*Grand Sentinel.*
"	Henry Klein,	*Representative to Masonic Library.*

The Treasurer's report shows a balance of $12,769.52 on hand January 24, 1916.

Philip N. Matlock, Grand High Priest.

Stith M. Cain, Grand Secretary.

W. T. T.

TEXAS.

The Sixty-sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas was held in Masonic Temple, Waco, Texas, December 6, 7 and 8, 1915.

Companion W. M. Fly presided in the absence of M. E. Grand High Priest Companion W. A. Scott, who was unable to be present on account of illness. There were present, 13 Grand Officers, 11 Past Grand

High Priests, 30 Grand Representatives, 12 Grand Visitors, 183 Past High Priests, and the Representatives of 131 Chartered Chapters.

The Annual Address of Grand High Priest Companion W. A. Scott was read by Companion William Madden Fly, acting Grand High Priest.

The Grand Chapter mourns the death of Past Grand High Priest and Past Grand Master Benjamin Franklin Frymier.

Grand High Priest Scott expressed his sincere gratitude to the Grand Visitors, who so generously assisted him in his official duties during his illness.

Six Chapters were restored to membership and eight new Chapters were constituted.

Four new Chapters were instituted in compliance with a resolution approved at the last Annual Convocation.

Three Chapters were granted Dispensations to resume labor.

An earnest appeal is made for support and endowment of the Home for Aged Masons at Arlington, Texas.

The following facts alarm the Grand High Priest:

"In 1914 we exalted 1853 candidates and made a net gain in membership of 1132; while in the year just passed we exalted only 1270 candidates

and made a net gain of only 543. More Chapters have demised during the last year than have been instituted; and there are approximately 1500 non-affiliated Royal Arch Masons in Texas.''

Balance in hands of Grand Treasurer on December 1, 1915, amounted to $13,044.26.

The following officers were elected:

Wm. Madden Fly,	*M. E. Grand High Priest.*
B. F. Dwiggins,	*E. Deputy Grand High Priest.*
Oscar M. Longnecker,	*E. Grand King.*
B. K. Hawkins,	*E. Grand Scribe.*
W. W. Peavy,	*E. Grand Treasurer.*
T. M. Bartley,	*E. Grand Secretary.*

The next Annual Convocation will be held at Waco, December 4, 1916.

W. A. Scott, Grand High Priest.

T. M. Bartley, Grand Secretary.

W. T. T.

UTAH.

The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Utah held their Fourth Annual Convocation at Masonic Hall, Park City, Utah, on Wednesday, May 5, 1915. The following Grand Officers being present:

Birt G. Blackman,	*Grand High Priest.*
Abbott R. Heywood,	*Deputy Grand High Priest.*
Howard P. Kirtley,	*Grand King.*
Willliam D. Richardson,	*Grand Scribe.*

Frank P. Sherwood,	. *Grand Treasurer.*
Walter Daniels,	. *Grand Secretary.*
Rev. Peter A. Simpkin,	. *Grand Chaplain.*
Adolph Anderson,	. *Grand Captain of the Host.*
Freeman A. McCarty,	as *Grand Principal Sojourner.*
Chas. F. Dinsmore,	. *Grand Royal Arch Captain.*
Robert W. Fisher,	as *Grand Master Third Vail.*
Sam H. Goodwin,	. *Grand Master Second Vail.*
William Raddon,	. *Grand Master First Vail.*
Daniel Dunne,	. *Grand Sentinel.*

Past Grand High Priests, Companions Charles F. Jennings and William J. Lynch; also representatives of all five of the Chapters of the Jurisdiction were present.

In his address the Grand High Priest calls attention to the fact that the Grand Chapter has shown a gain of twenty-nine members for the year, although three out of the five Chapters of the State have been deprived, for nearly the entire year, of the leadership of their High Priests, on account of removal to other cities.

In his remarks on Foreign Relations the Grand High Priest says:

"An unfortunate condition has arisen within the Grand Jurisdiction of Canada, through the formation of a Grand Chapter in the province of Alberta, without the sanction of the original Grand Chapter, which threatens to make its ill effects felt for many years to come. On the one hand, the new Grand Chapter of Alberta, situated at Calgary, has asked to be recognized by the Grand Chapter of Utah. While, on the other hand, the Grand Chapter of Canada, located at Toronto, Ontario, has requested that such action be not taken, declaring the newly organized Chapter of Alberta to be clandestine and without authority.

"Before deciding on the merits of the question, I have deemed it advisable to ask from the General Grand Chapter of the United States, an

expression as to what their attitude in the matter will be at the meeting of the General Grand Chapter, to be held in San Francisco, California, in September next.''

During the year the Grand High Priest made five official Visitations to five Chapters throughout the State.

The net gain in membership for the year is twenty-nine, which makes a total of six hundred and ninety-four.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance of $577.63 on hand April 24, 1915.

Officers for the ensuing year are as follows:

Howard P. Kirtley,	*Grand High Priest.*
William D. Richardson,	*Deputy Grand High Priest.*
Sam H. Goodwin,	*Grand King.*
Frank P. Sherwood,	*Grand Scribe.*
Herbert M. Chamberlain,	*Grand Treasurer.*
Walter Daniels,	*Grand Secretary.*

Appointive Officers.

Rev. Peter A. Simpkin,	*Grand Chaplain.*
E. Charles F. Dinsmore,	*Grand Lecturer.*
E. Albert E. Weatherby,	*Grand Captain of the Host.*
E. H. M. Freedenberg,	*Grand Principal Sojourner.*
E. George T. Hansen,	*Grand Royal Arch Captain.*
E. Robert W. Fisher,	*Grand Master Third Vail.*
E. William A. Raddon,	*Grand Master Second Vail.*
E. Joseph G. Bywater,	*Grand Master First Vail.*
Comp. Daniel Dunne,	*Grand Sentinel.*

Companion Arvis Scott Chapman was appointed on the Committee on Correspondence.

The Fifth Annual Convocation of this Most Excellent Grand Chapter will be held in Salt Lake City, May 3, 1916.

H. O. KIRTLEY, Grand High Priest.

WALTER DANIELS, Grand Secretary.

W. T. T.

VERMONT.

The Ninety-eighth Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Vermont was held in Masonic Temple, Burlington, on Friday, June 11, 1915.

The following Grand Officers were present:

M. E. DON A. STONE,	*Grand High Priest.*
R. E. HARRY J. STANNARD,	*Deputy Grand High Priest.*
R. E. JAMES R. ROBERTS,	*Grand King.*
R. E. GEORGE N. TILDEN,	*Grand Scribe.*
R. E. CHARLES W. WHITCOMB,	*Grand Treasurer.*
R. E. HENRY H. ROSS,	*Grand Secretary.*
E. WILLIAM H. BREWSTER,	*Grand Captain of the Host.*
E. CHARLES A. LANG,	*Grand Principal Sojourner.*
E. CHRISTIE B. CROWELL,	*Grand Royal Arch Captain.*
E. ALLEN D. BALL,	*Grand Master Third Vail.*
E. GEORGE F. ROOT,	*Grand Master Second Vail.*
E. ARCHIE S. HARRIMAN,	*Grand Master First Vail.*
E. CHARLES F. PARTRIDGE,	*Grand Chaplain.*
E. GEORGE I. WHITNEY,	*Grand Lecturer.*
E. EDGAR H. MARTIN,	*Grand Senior Steward.*
E. FRANK A. ROSS,	*Grand Junior Steward.*
E. ALBERT KILLAM,	*Grand Tyler.*

Eight permanent members, four District Deputies and eighty-six Representatives were also present.

In the report of the Grand High Priest we find that he made four official Visitations during the year and that on one of the occasions he conferred the Most Excellent Master Degree.

In an effort to ascertain how many Subordinate Chapters had printed By-laws, and what the annual dues of each Chapter were, the Grand High Priest wrote to each Chapter.

This is what the Grand High Priest has to say on the subject:

"I have heard from twenty-nine Chapters, and find that four Chapters have no dues; two have dues of fifty cents; fifteen have dues of one dollar; one has dues of one dollar and a half; six have dues of two dollars, and one has dues of three dollars. One Chapter which has no dues at present will shortly revise its By-laws and provide for annual dues, but I am not advised what such dues will be.

"I believe that each Chapter should have annual dues of at least one dollar per member to provide an income sufficient to pay all necessary expenses of the Chapter whether it has work or not.

"As a rule those Chapters which have no dues have other things in proportion.

"One large prosperous Chapter which has no annual dues has a By-law which provides that, when the Chapter is in debt, an assessment of not to exceed one dollar per member may be voted at any regular Convocation. This, perhaps, would answer as well as annual dues.

"Of the twenty-nine Chapters heard from sixteen have no printed By-laws, and the By-laws of two of those reporting as having them in print were printed more than thirty years ago. The By-laws of only three Chapters bear evidence of having been approved by the Grand High Priest.

"Each Chapter should have its By-laws in printed form, and in sufficient numbers to provide each present member with a copy, and to give a copy to each candidate hereafter exalted.

"Before such By-laws are printed and promulgated they should be submitted to the Grand High Priest for his approval."

This seems to be a matter for serious consideration.

From the following remarks of the Grand High Priest it appears that the Grand Chapter has been setting a bad example:

"Having occasion to look up something in the Constitution of this Grand Chapter during the past year I found there 'wan't none.'

"I recommend that a Committee be appointed to draft a Constitution and By-laws for this Grand Chapter and present the same at the next Annual Convocation for adoption."

There are thirty Subordinate Chapters in this Jurisdiction, with a membership of four thousand four hundred and eighty-six; an increase of twenty-eight over the previous year.

The Treasurer's report shows a balance on hand, June 11, 1915, of $14,261.93.

The following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year:

M. E. Harry J. Stannard,	*Grand High Priest.*
R. E. James R. Roberts,	*Deputy Grand High Priest.*
R. E. George N. Tilden,	*Grand King.*
R. E. William H. Brewster,	*Grand Scribe.*
R. E. Charles W. Whitcomb,	*Grand Treasurer.*
R. E. Henry H. Ross,	*Grand Secretary.*
E. Charles A. Lang,	*Grand Captain of the Host.*

Don A. Stone, Grand High Priest.

Henry H. Ross, Grand Secretary.

W. T. T.

VIRGINIA.

The One Hundred and Eighth Grand Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Masons of Virginia convened in Richmond, October 26 and 27, 1915. M. E. Grand High Priest Isaac H. Adams, Jr., presided. All the Grand Officers, fifteen Past Grand High Priests, eighteen Grand Representatives and forty-two Representatives of Subordinate Chapters were present.

The Grand Chapter mourns the death of the following Companions: Past Grand High Priest W. H. Pleasant, A. R. Courtney, of the Committee on Correspondence, and H. F. W. Southern, of the Finance Committee.

Five official Visitations were made by the Grand High Priest during the year.

The Grand Secretary, who has just completed twenty years of devoted service in that capacity gives the following statistics, which are noteworthy.

In 1896 there were 34 Chapters, with a membership of 2407 Companions; since that time 7975 have been exalted, 1439 affiliated and 279 reinstated; a total increase of 9693 Companions. During the same period the total loss was 4507 Companions, making a net gain of 5186 Companions or 207 per cent. in twenty years. The present membership is 7593 Companions. The net gain for 1914-15 is 252 Companions, comprising 69 Subordinate Chapters.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows a balance of $896.52 on hand.

In the Grand Lecturer's report Companion W. J. HUBBARD states that in the eighteen years of his services as Grand Lecturer he has exalted or assisted in exalting nineteen hundred and six candidates.

We note with pleasure the following:

"M. E. Companion George W. Kendrick, Jr., of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, being announced in waiting, the M. E. Grand High Priest appointed M. E. Companion W. B. McChesney, M. E. Companion W. J. Hubbard, and R. E. Companion James B. Blanks a Committee to receive and introduce the distinguished visitor, who was received with the honors due his exalted station and most cordially welcomed by the Grand High Priest to the One Hundred and Eighth Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Virginia. M. E. Companion Kendrick was most happy, interesting and entertaining in expressing his appreciation of the cordial and fraternal greeting he had received at the hands of his Companions of Old Virginia, many of whom he had known for more than a score of years, and assured the Companions it was indeed a great pleasure to meet with them in Annual Convocation."

Grand Officers for 1915-16 were elected as follows:

JAMES W. S. BUTT,	*M. E. Grand High Priest.*
JOHN R. CHARLETON,	*R. E. Grand King.*
J. E. W. TIMBERMAN,	*R. E. Grand Scribe.*
GEORGE WILSON POE,	*M. E. Grand Treasurer.*
JAMES BRAXTON BLANKS,	*R. E. Grand Secretary.*

The next meeting of the Grand Chapter will be held in Richmond on the twenty-fourth day of October, 1916.

ISAAC H. ADAMS, JR., Grand High Priest.

JAMES B. BLANKS, Grand Secretary.

W. T. T.

WASHINGTON.

The Thirty-first Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Washington was held in Masonic Temple, at Vancouver, Washington, on September 20, 1915, M. E. Grand High Priest HENRY L. KENNAN presiding. The chair of Grand Principal Sojourner Companion FREDERICK W. COLGROVE was vacant, he having been called by death. All the Chapters but six were represented. Thirteen Past Grand High Priests were present.

The following Companions honored the Grand Chapter with their presence, and were welcomed with the customary honors:

M. E. JAMES F. ROBINSON, Past Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary of Royal Arch Masons of Oregon.

Companion RALPH D. ROBINSON, assistant Grand Secretary of Oregon.

M. E. CLYDE EVANS, Grand High Priest of Oregon.

The following decisions are of interest:

"1. Question. Is a person who has given a note in payment for the degrees and who allows his note to remain outstanding for six years without paying either interest or any part of the principal but who during the six years has paid yearly dues considered a member of the Chapter?

"Answer. The giving of credit for fees does not affect the standing of the petitioner as a member of the Chapter after receiving the degrees. Our laws require the payment of the fees in advance and any member or officer

being a party to the giving of credit for fees, violates the laws of the Order and should be disciplined.

"2. Question. Is it necessary for a member of a Chapter who is a non-affiliated Master Mason to keep a petition for affiliation constantly in some Blue Lodge to maintain his good standing in the Chapter?

"Answer. A Companion who has become a non-affiliated Master Mason can maintain his standing in his Chapter by petitioning some lodge for membership at least once every twelve months. So long as he does not allow twelve months to elapse from the time he is rejected by a lodge until he again petitions for membership he remains in good standing in his Chapter."

Two new Chapters were constituted: Angeles Chapter No. 38, and Issaquah Chapter No. 39.

Cash balance in hands of Grand Treasurer amounted to $5295.05.

The report of the Grand Secretary shows a net gain of 207 Companions for the year, giving a total membership of 4585.

The Committee on Jurisprudence is of the opinion that this Grand Chapter should recognize the action taken by the Grand Chapter of Canada in their controversy with the so-called Grand Chapter of Alberta, declaring it to be a clandestine organization and would recommend that such action be affirmed and concurred in by this Grand Chapter.

The following Grand Officers were elected:

Comp. Charles Paine Kimball, . . *M. E. Grand High Priest.*
" Frank Gustavus Hackney Baker, *Deputy Grand High Priest.*
" Charles Gastonbury Smyth, . *Grand King.*
" Jacob Henry Miller, . . . *Grand Scribe.*
" Horace Walter Tyler, . . . *Grand Treasurer.*
" Yancey Crawford Blalock, . . *Grand Secretary.*

"There being one ballot for H. L. Kennan in the last vote the Grand High Priest ordered the one ballot to be destroyed and declared Yancey Crawford Blalock to be unanimously elected Grand Secretary *for life.*"

Companion YANCEY C. BLALOCK was appointed on the Committee on Correspondence. Companion BLALOCK has served as Grand Secretary since 1889.

Four pages are devoted to the Correspondence of Pennsylvania.

HENRY L. KENNAN, Grand High Priest.

YANCEY C. BLALOCK, Grand Secretary.

W. T. T.

WEST VIRGINIA.

The Forty-fifth Grand Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of West Virginia was held in Masonic Temple, in the city of Fairmont, on Monday and Tuesday evenings, the eighth and ninth days of November, 1915.

The following officers, seventeen Past Grand High Priests, and Representatives of the forty Subordinate Chapters were present:

Comp.	W. T. WORKMAN,	*M. E. Grand High Priest.*
"	A. B. C. BRAY,	*R. E. Grand King.*
"	W. K. COWDEN,	*R. E. Grand Scribe.*
"	SAM'L N. MYERS, P.G.H.P.,	*R. E. Grand Treasurer.*
"	JNO. M. MCCONIHAY, P.G.H.P.,	*R. E. Grand Secretary.*
"	JOHN W. ASHLEY,	*E. Grand Lecturer.*
"	RT. REV. W. L. GRAVATT,	*E. Grand Chaplain.*
"	WYNDHAM STOKES, P.G.H.P.,	as *E. Grand Captain of the Host.*
"	STARK L. BAKER,	*E. Grand Principal Sojourner.*
"	BENJ. A. CARUTHERS,	*E. Grand Royal Arch Captain.*
"	THOMAS M. TURNER,	*E. Grand Master Third Vail.*
"	WALTER J. BOYDSTON,	*E. Grand Master Second Vail.*
"	WILLIAM E. KRUPP,	*E. Grand Master First Vail.*
"	HARRY L. BROH,	*E. Grand Marshal.*
"	EDWIN K. STOUT,	*E. Grand Tyler.*

The Grand High Priest states that

"No dissensions have occurred, but peace and harmony have prevailed throughout this Grand Jurisdiction during the entire year.

"Our Grand Chapter has been blessed as but few Grand Chapters have been. The Angel of Death has not invaded the ranks of this Grand Chapter, nor has he removed a single Grand Officer of this Grand Chapter during the year now just closing."

A Charter for a new Chapter to meet at Logan, West Virginia, and to be known as Logan Chapter No. 41, Royal Arch Masons, was granted.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand, November 1, 1915, of $8783.58.

The membership on November 9, 1915, was 6777, a net increase of 434 for the year.

In the language of the Committee on Proceedings of Grand Officers: "The Most Excellent Grand High Priest may now retire with the consciousness of duty well and faithfully done."

The Grand Officers, for the ensuing year, elected and appointed, are as follows:

Comp.	A. B. C. Bray,	*M. E. Grand High Priest.*
"	W. K. Cowden,	*R. E. Grand King.*
"	L. H. Clark,	*R. E. Grand Scribe.*
"	Samuel N. Myers, P.G.H.P.,	*R. E. Grand Treasurer.*
"	D. K. Reed, P.G.H.P.,	*R. E. Grand Secretary.*

Appointed Officers.

Comp.	John W. Ashley,	*E. Grand Lecturer.*
"	Rt. Rev. W. L. Gravatt,	*E. Grand Chaplain.*
"	Stark L. Baker,	*E. Grand Captain of the Host.*
"	Benj. A. Caruthers,	*E. Grand Principal Sojourner.*

Comp. Thomas M. Turner, . . .	*E. Grand Royal Arch Captain.*
" Walter J. Boydston, . .	*E. Grand Master Third Vail.*
" William E. Krupp, . . .	*E. Grand Master Second Vail.*
" Harry L. Broh, ...	*E. Grand Master First Vail.*
" William E. Nelson, . . .	*E. Grand Marshal.*
" Edwin K. Stout, . . .	*E. Grand Tyler.*
" Kephart D. Walker, . .	*Committee on Correspondence.*
" James A. Bryan, . . .	*Committee on Correspondence.*

W. T. Workman, Grand High Priest.

J. M. McConihay, Grand Secretary.

W. T. T.

WISCONSIN.

The Sixty-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Wisconsin, was held in the Scottish Rite Cathedral, Milwaukee, February 16, 1915.

The following Grand Officers were present:

Frank E. Noyes, ...	*Grand High Priest.*
Walter A. Clark, ...	*Deputy Grand High Priest.*
Aldro Jenks, ...	*Grand King.*
John E. Langdon, ...	*Grand Scribe.*
David H. Wright, ...	*Grand Treasurer.*
William W. Perry, ...	*Grand Secretary.*
Rev. James E. Garrett, ...	*Grand Chaplain.*
Cyrus S. Stockwell, ...	*Grand Lecturer.*
Michael Barry, ...	*Grand Captain of the Host.*
Ignatius D. Steffen, ...	*Grand Principal Sojourner.*
Willard E. Gaede, ...	*Grand Royal Arch Captain.*
William M. Comstock, ...	*Grand Master Third Vail.*
William M. Foresman, ...	*Grand Master Second Vail.*
Ward Lamberson, ...	*Grand Master First Vail.*
John B. Cromwell, ...	*Grand Sentinel.*

Seventeen Past Grand High Priests were also present. Eighty-four of the eighty-eight Chapters were represented.

In the course of his annual address the Grand High Priest said:

"There is no place on this round globe where one can accomplish more good for the benefit of mankind than in the various Masonic bodies. Some even go so far as to make Masonry (mistakenly) their religion. It is not a religion, but, my brethren, it is full of religion. It is the foundation of every religion that benefits mankind. Without such foundation the religion which we all profess could not exist. In its teachings, its force and its achievements, it is second only to the Church of the Living God, and I believe was by Him as much ordained for the benefit of man as any human institution the world has known. Royal Arch Masonry, founded mainly upon the best thought of the old testament, is a basis on which to build many a monument of splendid life and noble manhood."

The Grand Chapter has lost by death two of its Past Grand High Priests, Companions EDWIN J. FARR and REV. JAMES THOMAS PRYOR, JR.; also Grand Trustee, Companion ALVIN B. MEDBERRY.

Six official Visitations were made by the Grand High Priest during the year. On three of these Visitations the Grand High Priest conferred the Royal Arch Degree. This is the more commendable, since it was over twenty years ago that he last conferred this degree.

A dispensation date, July 27, 1915, was issued to form and open a new Chapter at Grand Rapids.

The following decision is interesting:

"Question: After attending and graduating at a Wisconsin university, the graduate returns to and lives in Minnesota for a year and a half, during

which he received the Lodge degrees. Returning to the university for post-graduate work, after residing nine months in the State he applies to the nearest Chapter for advancement, and a request for dispensation to act on the petition is requested. Ought it be granted?

"Answer: The brother has not only not gained a legal residence in Wisconsin, but his coming here was apparently for temporary purposes and without the idea of establishing a residence therein. It would not be expedient to grant a dispensation under such conditions."

This reference is made to undignified work:

"The lessons of Royal Arch Masonry cannot be impressibly inculcated by horse play, which detracts from the work and produces the very opposite of the impressions intended. Such practices cannot be too forcibly condemned. The dignity of Royal Arch Masonry should be maintained at all times and under all conditions."

We agree with these sentiments.

The Grand Officers for the ensuing year are:

ELECTED.

WALTER A. CLARK,	*Grand High Priest.*
ALDRO JENKS,	*Deputy Grand High Priest.*
JOHN E. LANGDON,	*Grand King.*
MICHAEL BARRY,	*Grand Scribe.*
DAVID H. WRIGHT,	*Grand Treasurer.*
WILLIAM W. PERRY,	*Grand Secretary.*
JOHN CAMPBELL,	*Trustee for Three Years.*
CLARENCE HILL,	***Trustee** for One Year.*

APPOINTED.

JAMES E. GARRETT,	*Grand Chaplain.*
C. S. STOCKWELL,	*Grand Lecturer.*
E. A. RAYMOND,	*Grand Captain of the Host.*
W. W. ALBERS,	*Grand Principal Sojourner.*
E. E. REUCKHEIM,	*Grand Royal Arch Captain.*
T. L. PAGEL,	*Grand Master Third Vail.*
C. H. WISWELL,	*Grand Master Second Vail.*
H. E. SCHREINER,	*Grand Master First Vail.*
J. B. CROMWELL,	*Grand Sentinel.*
SAMUEL WRIGHT,	*Correspondence Writer.*

The Grand Treasurer's report shows a balance on hand, February 16, 1915, of $8,259.86.

The membership on January 1, 1915, was 11,678, a net increase of 568 for the year 1914. Exalted during the year, 805.

The next Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Wisconsin will be held in Milwaukee, Tuesday, February 16, 1916.

WALTER A. CLARK, Grand High Priest.

WILLIAM W. PERRY, Grand Secretary.

W. T. T.

WYOMING, 1916.

The Eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Wyoming, Royal Arch Masons, was held at Casper, Wyoming, on Thursday, March 9, 1916.

The following Grand Officers were present:

Comp.	CHARLES H. TOWNSEND,	*M. E. Grand High Priest.*
"	SAMUEL CORSON,	*R. E. Deputy Grand High Priest.*
"	ROBERT I. TURNER,	*R. E. Grand King.*
"	JACOB F. HOOP, P.G.H.P., as	*R. E. Grand Scribe.*
"	ADRIAN J. PARSHALL, P.G.H.P.,	*R. E. Grand Secretary.*
"	REV. GEORGE C. RAFTER,	*E. Grand Chaplain.*
"	WILLIAM PUGH,	*E. Grand Captain of the Host.*
"	CHARLES W. SHELDON,	*E. Grand Principal Sojourner.*
"	HARRY E. CRAIN,	*E. Grand Royal Arch Captain.*
"	WILLIAM H. DICKINSON,	*Grand Master Third Vail.*
"	THOMAS COTTLE,	*Grand Master Second Vail.*
"	FRANK E. HEPNER,	*Grand Master First Vail.*
"	HUDSON W. DARRAH,	*Grand Sentinel.*

Four Past High Priests and Representatives of twelve Chapters were present.

In his annual address the Grand High Priest said:

"When you exalted me to this office I promised I would fulfill the duties to the best of my ability. I have faithfully endeavored to keep my promise, and have carefully looked after the interests of this Grand Chapter. I have visited every Chapter in the State, which is no small job in itself, on account of the great distances I had to travel to do so.

"The best way to get results in any business or fraternal organization is personal attention to same. I believe the personal visits of a presiding officer creates an enthusiasm in the subordinate bodies and inspires them to take more interest in the welfare of the Chapter than anything that he could do that I know of. While it has been quite a little sacrifice of time for a busy man, I assure you I don't regret it, and if I have only done a little good here and there, which I believe I have, I feel that my work has not been in vain or that I have spent my strength for naught."

The membership is 996, a net gain of 46 over 1915.

The Treasurer's report shows a balance on hand of $1127.27.

The balance of the Proceedings is devoted to reports of Committees and correspondence The volume is beautifully printed and appeared about three weeks after the Annual Convocation.

Grand Officers were elected as follows:

Comp. Samuel Corson, No. 1, Cheyenne, *M. E. Grand High Priest.*
" Robert I. Turner, No. 4, Rawlins, *R. E. Deputy Grand High Priest.*
" Arthur C. Jones, No. 3, Laramie, *R. E. Grand King.*
" William Pugh, No. 2, Evanston, *R. E. Grand Scribe.*
" Samuel Dickey, No. 2, Evanston, *R. E. Grand Treasurer.*
" Adrian J. Parshall, P.G.H.P., No. 1, Cheyenne, *R. E. Grand Secretary.*

Adrian J. Parshall, Grand Secretary.

Charles H. Townsend, Grand High Priest.

W. T. T.

CONCLUSION.

In penning the "Conclusion" to the report of the Committee on Correspondence for 1914, our Beloved Companion STOCKTON BATES, Most Excellent Grand Secretary, and for twenty years a member of the Committee on Correspondence, in referring to the death of Companion WINFIELD SCOTT BELL, Most Excellent Grand King, and Companion SAMUEL LAUGHLIN, Most Excellent Grand Scribe, concluded with these words, "And so this year, we petition our Heavenly Father, if it be His Will, that our ranks may be unbroken, and that the final word in closing the Correspondence Report for 1915, may not have to be penned under a burden of grief." The work of preparing the material for the Grand Chapter Report for 1915 had been completed, and ready for the press, except the "Conclusion" to the report of the Committee on Correspondence, and this was to be penned by Companion BATES, who had said to his assistant that he would write the "Conclusion" a "few days later."

But that One whom our Companion had named "Friend Death," stilled his hand and sealed his lips, and the "Conclusion" must be penned by another, under the "burden of grief" which our Beloved Companion had prayed might be averted. Our ranks have been broken, but the command to "close ranks" has been given and answered all down the line. We will miss our Companion STOCKTON BATES, and his going out from us has left many a heartache and a void, which time alone may heal. Our tears mingle with

those of the Companions whose hands have reached across the invisible line separating Jurisdictions, and grasped the hand of Companion STOCKTON BATES, and with those who had met him face to face and carried on the work of Correspondence for their respective Grand Chapters, and had learned to know and love this man of high ideals and sterling worth, this Real Mason.

PORTER W. LOWRY,
Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

THE GRAND HOLY ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF PENNSYLVANIA, 1915.

Year	First Grand Chief	Second Grand Chief	Third Grand Chief	Grand Treasurer	Grand Secretary
1795	William Ball				
1796	William M. Smith				
1797	"	Praise Wadman	John Service	Daniel McKarraher	P. LeBarbier Duplessis
1798	Jonathan B. Smith	"	Thomas Town	"	"
1799	"	"	"	"	"
1800	"	"	"	"	"
1801	"	"	"	"	"
1802	"	"	"	"	"
1803	Israel Israel	Jonathan B. Smith	"	"	"
1804	"	"	"	"	"
1805	"	"	"	"	"
1806	James Milnor	"	Frederick Wolbert	Thomas Amies	"
1807	"	"	John Phillips	"	"
1808	"	"	"	"	Thomas Passmore
1809	"	"	"	"	"
1810	"	"	Frederick Erringer	"	A. H. Cohen
1811	"	"	"	"	Andrew M. Prevost
1812	"	"	"	"	"
1813	"	Frederick Erringer	Walter Kerr	"	"
1814	Richard Tybout	"	B. Jones, Jr.	"	"
1815	Samuel F. Bradford	"	"	"	"
1816	Walter Kerr	"	James McAlpin	"	George E. Blake
1817	"	"	"	"	George A. Baker
1818	Bayse Newcomb	James McAlpin	Lambert Keatting	"	"
1819	"	Lambert Keatting	William McCorkle	"	"
1820	"	William McCorkle	Alphonso C. Ireland	"	"
1821	"	"	Nathan R. Potts	"	"
1822	Josiah Randall	Nathan R. Potts	Henry Horn	Frederick Erringer	"
1823	"	"	"	"	"
1824	Michael Nisbet	Henry Horn	Elhanen W. Keyser	"	Nathan R. Potts

Year	Grand High Priest	Grand King	Grand Scribe	Grand Treasurer	Grand Secretary
1825	Michael Nisbet	John Steele, Jr.	Tristram B. Freeman	Frederick Erringer	Nathan R. Potts
1826	John Steele, Jr.	Tristram B. Freeman	Joseph S. Riley	"	"
1827	Tristram B. Freeman	Joseph S. Riley	John M. Read	"	Samuel H. Thomas
1828	Joseph S. Riley	John M. Read	Samuel H. Perkins	"	"
1829	John M. Read	Samuel H. Perkins	Thomas Kittera	Joseph S. Riley	"
1830	"	"	Enos S. Gandy	"	"
1831	"	"	"	"	"
1832	Samuel H. Perkins	Enos S. Gandy	John Y. Black	"	"
1833	"	"	"	"	John M. Read
1834	Enos S. Gandy	John Y. Black	Joseph R. Chandler	"	Samuel H. Perkins
1835	John Y. Black	Joseph R. Chandler	Francis Cooper	"	"
1836	Joseph R. Chandler	Francis Cooper	George S. Schott	"	"
1837	"	"	"	"	Samuel M. Stewart
1838	"	"	"	Charles Stout	"
1839	"	"	"	"	"
1840	"	Alexander Diamond	George Smith	"	Bayse Newcomb
1841	Alexander Diamond	George Smith	William Whitney	"	Michael Nisbet
1842	"	William Whitney	William Barger	"	"
1843	William Whitney	William Barger	John G. Russell	John Thomson	William H. Adams
1844	"	"	John W. McGrath	"	"
1845	William Barger	John W. McGrath	John J. Krider	"	"
1846	"	"	James Simpson	"	"
1847	John W. McGrath	John J. Krider	"	"	"
1848	John J. Krider	James Simpson	David C. Skerrett	"	"
1849	James Simpson	David C. Skerrett	Edward P. Lescure	"	"
1850	David C. Skerrett	Edward P. Lescure	Ant. Bournonville	"	"
1851	"	"	"	"	"
1852	Edward P. Lescure	Ant. Bournonville	Robert Frazer	"	"
1853	"	"	"	"	"
1854	Ant. Bournonville	Harman Baugh	Robert McCulloch	"	"
1855	Harman Baugh	John C. Smith	Daniel Thompson	"	"
1856	"	"	"	"	"
1857	John C. Smith	Daniel Thompson	Jere. L. Hutchinson	"	"

Year	Grand High Priest	Grand King	Grand Scribe	Grand Treasurer	Grand Secretary
1858	Daniel Thompson	Benjamin Parke	Harman Yerkes	John Thomson	William H. Adams
1859	"	"	"	"	"
1860	Benjamin Parke	Harman Yerkes	Jere. L. Hutchinson	"	"
1861	Harman Yerkes	Jere. L. Hutchinson	George W. Wood	Peter Williamson	"
1862	Jere. L. Hutchinson	George W. Wood	Samuel C. Perkins	"	"
1863	"	"	"	"	"
1864	George W. Wood	Samuel C. Perkins	George Griscom	"	"
1865	"	"	"	"	"
1866	Samuel C. Perkins	George Griscom	Michael Nisbet	"	"
1867	"	"	"	"	John Thomson
1868	George Griscom	Michael Nisbet	Charles E. Meyer	"	"
1869	"	"	"	"	"
1870	Michael Nisbet	Charles E. Meyer	John Wilson, Jr.	"	"
1871	"	"	"	"	"
1872	Charles E. Meyer	John Wilson, Jr.	Andrew Robeno, Jr.	Thomas Brown	"
1873	"	"	"	"	"
1874	Andrew Robeno, Jr.	Robert H. Pattison	George E. Wagner	Thomas R. Patton	"
1875	"	"	"	"	"
1876	George E. Wagner	Alfred R. Potter	Wm. C. Hamilton	"	"
1877	Alfred R. Potter	William C. Hamilton	Hibbert P. John	"	"
1878	"	"	"	"	"
1879	William C. Hamilton	Hibbert P. John	Augustus R. Hall	"	"
1880	"	"	"	"	"
1881	Hibbert P. John	Augustus R. Hall	G. W. Kendrick, Jr.	"	Charles E. Meyer
1882	"	"	"	"	"
1883	Augustus R. Hall	G. W. Kendrick, Jr.	Matt's H. Henderson	"	"
1884	"	"	"	"	"
1885	G. W. Kendrick, Jr.	Matt's H. Henderson	James S. Barber	"	"
1886	"	"	"	"	"
1887	Matt's H. Henderson	James S. Barber	Alex. H. Morgan	"	"
1888	"	"	"	"	"
1889	James S. Barber	Alex. H. Morgan	Edgar A. Tennis	"	"
1890	"	"	"	"	"

Year	Grand High Priest	Grand King	Grand Scribe	Grand Treasurer	Grand Secretary
1891	Alex. H. Morgan	Edgar A. Tennis	Ezra S. Bartlett	Thomas R. Patton	Charles E. Meyer
1892	"	"	"	"	"
1893	Edgar A. Tennis	Ezra S. Bartlett	Richard M. Johnson	"	"
1894	"	"	"	"	Charles Cary
1895	Ezra S. Bartlett	Richard M. Johnson	Michael W. Jacobs	"	"
1896	"	"	"	"	"
1897	Richard M. Johnson	Michael W. Jacobs	Edward B. Spencer	"	"
1898	"	"	"	"	"
1899	Michael W. Jacobs	Edward B. Spencer	H. Oscar Kline	"	"
1900	"	"	"	"	"
1901	Edward B. Spencer	H. Oscar Kline	J. Henry Williams	"	"
1902	"	"	"	"	"
1903	H. Oscar Kline	J. Henry Williams	William B. Meredith	"	"
1904	"	"	"	"	"
1905	J. Henry Williams	William B. Meredith	Carl A. Sundstrom	"	"
1906	"	"	"	"	"
1907	William B. Meredith	Carl A. Sundstrom	A. G. Criswell Smith	"	"
1908	"	"	"	Edward B. Spencer	"
1909	Carl A. Sundstrom	A. G. Criswell Smith	George B. Wells	"	"
1910	"	"	"	"	"
1911	A. G. Criswell Smith	George B. Wells	Winfield S. Bell	"	"
1912	"	"	"	"	"
1913	George B. Wells	Winfield S. Bell	Samuel Laughlin	"	"
1914	"	"	"	"	Stockton Bates
1915	Porter W. Lowry	Thomas McConnell, Jr.	David J. Davis	"	"
1916	"	"	"	"	"

THE GRAND HOLY ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF PENNSYLVANIA, 1915.

Its Chapters, Place and Time of Meeting, and Secretaries.

No.	Name	Constituted in	Place of Meeting	Time of Meeting	Name and Address of Secretary
3	Jerusalem	1758	Philadelphia	Third Monday	Charles S. Wood, Philadelphia
21	Perseverance	1827	Harrisburg	First Monday	Charles C. Shriver, Harrisburg
43		1826	Lancaster	Third Thursday	Milton E. Gingrich, Lancaster
52	Harmony	1794	Philadelphia	First Friday	Robert J. Spratt, Philadelphia
91	Columbia	1822	Philadelphia	Third Wednesday	William P. Buzby, Philadelphia
150	Washington	1827	Washington	First Thursday	Wm. Bowland Ritchie, Washington
152	Reading	1827	Reading	Second Monday	William D. Butler, Reading
159	Schuylkill	1838	Minersville	Third Thursday	Robert S. Hoffman, Minersville
161	Union	1845	Towanda	Second Wednesday	John W. Codding, Towanda
162	Zerubbabel	1836	Pittsburgh	First Tuesday	Samuel R. Caskey, Pittsburgh
163	La Fayette	1848	Lock Haven	Third Thursday	John Noble, Lock Haven
164	Brownsville	1849	Brownsville	Second Tuesday	William Seddon, Brownsville
165	Union	1849	Uniontown	Second Thursday	Luke H. Frasher, Uniontown
166	Mt. Moriah	1849	Hollidaysburg	Third Tuesday	William Brenneman, Hollidaysburg
167	Eureka	1849	Rochester	Second Friday	James W. Doncaster, Rochester
169	Philadelphia	1850	Philadelphia	Second Wednesday	John M. Zook, Philadelphia
170	Delta	1851	New Castle	First Tuesday	Edward L. Smith, New Castle
171	St. John's	1852	Carlisle	First Thursday	S. Sharp Huston, Carlisle
172	Temple	1853	Tunkhannock	Monday after full moon	Henry M. Lewis, Tunkhannock
173	Easton	1853	Easton	Second Thursday	Edward B. Arndt, Easton
174	Northumberland	1853	Sunbury	Third Tuesday	Jacob R. Cressinger, Sunbury
175	Keystone	1853	Philadelphia	Fourth Monday	Allen C. Middleton, Philadelphia
176	George Washington	1854	Chambersburg	Third Monday	Edmund J. Heart, Chambersburg
177	Tamaqua	1854	Tamaqua	Friday after full moon	James W. Kershner, Tamaqua
178	Catawissa	1855	Catawissa	Second Wednesday	Luther B. Kline, Catawissa
179	Eureka	1855	Carbondale	Second Wednesday	Horace G. Likely, Carbondale
180	Warren	1854	Montrose	Wednesday after full moon	Freeman I. Lott, Montrose
181	Lilly	1855	Mauch Chunk	Third Tuesday	J. Martin Ross, Mauch Chunk

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182	Shekinah	1856	Wilkes-Barre	Third Monday	John G. Torborg, Wilkes-Barre
183	Oriental	1856	Philadelphia	Third Thursday	George J. Schaefer, Philadelphia
185	Lackawanna	1856	Scranton	Second Tuesday	James Francis Wardle, Scranton
186	Lewistown	1856	Lewistown	Third Tuesday	Wm. F. Eckbert, Jr., Lewistown
187	Oriental	1856	Conneautville	Third Friday	Hervey White, Conneautville
189	Mountain	1858	Altoona	First Thursday	Joseph M. Howe, Altoona
190	Norristown	1858	Norristown	Second Monday	William E. Perry, Norristown
191	Solomon	1858	Meadville	Second Tuesday	Samuel M. Patton, Meadville
192	Urania	1859	Greensburg	Thursday after third Tuesday	Harry N. Yont, Greensburg
193	Duquesne	1859	Pittsburgh	Second Friday	Harry J. Weimar, Pittsburgh
194	Tyoga	1859	Wellsboro	Second Tuesday	Henry E. Raesly, Wellsboro
195	Portage	1859	Johnstown	Third Tuesday	Willis A. G. Lape, Johnstown
196	Mountain City	1859	Pottsville	Fourth Monday	Isaac Sotzin, Pottsville
197	Weidle	1860	Lebanon	Second Tuesday	William Winfred Walter, Lebanon
198	Phœnix	1861	Phœnixville	Saturday after full moon	Edwin H. McAllister, Phœnixville
199	Howell	1864	York	Second Wed. after first Monday	John H. Bennett, York
200	Columbus	1865	Corry	Second Tuesday	Perrie G. Wood, Corry
201	Standing Stone	1865	Huntingdon	Third Monday	William L. Johnston, Huntingdon
202	Howell	1866	West Chester	Second Monday	Barclay Lear, West Chester
203	Allen	1866	Allentown	First Monday	Robert Campbell, Allentown
204	Anthony Wayne	1866	Honesdale	Tuesday on or after full moon	Arthur M. Leine, Honesdale
205	Factoryville	1866	Factoryville	Thurs. on or before full moon	Fred M. Francis, Dalton
206	Harmony	1866	Beaver Falls	First Thursday	Harry F. Hawkins, Beaver Falls
207	Aaron	1866	Titusville	Third Friday	Emory J. Badger, Titusville
208	Germantown	1866	Germantown,Phila.	Third Monday	E. R. Stevens, Germantown, Phila.
209	Samuel C. Perkins	1866	Mechanicsburg	Second Monday	Harry C. Harper, Mechanicsburg
210	Great Bend	1866	Great Bend	Second Thursday	Thomas Summerton, Great Bend
211	Venango	1866	Franklin	Second Friday	James M. Bridges, Franklin
212	Mound	1866	Greenville	Fourth Monday	Fred W. Moser, Greenville
214	Valley	1867	Plymouth	Fourth Friday	Samuel U. Shaffer, Plymouth
215	Temple	1867	Erie	Second Friday	Calvin K. Dickinson, Erie
216	Zinzendorf	1867	Bethlehem	Second Tuesday	Milton M. Mitman, Bethlehem

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217	Allegheny	1868	Pittsburgh, N. S.	First Friday	Harvey P. Wylie, Allegheny
218	Bloomsburg	1868	Bloomsburg	First Thursday	George E. Wilbur, Bloomsburg
219	Griscom	1868	Ashland	Third Thursday	James Magrady, Locust Gap
220	Fort Washington	1868	Fort Washington	First Thursday	Alfred S. Vanartsdalen, Phila.
221	Tremont	1869	Tremont	Third Thursday	Robert G. Wheeler, Tremont
222	Lycoming	1869	Williamsport	Second Tuesday	Wm. Clarence King, Williamsport
223	Oxford	1869	Oxford	Wednesday after full moon	Joseph Leeke, Oxford
224	Corinthian	1869	Columbia	Second Tuesday	Luther J. Schroeder, Columbia
225	Jefferson	1869	Brookville	First Monday	Buell B. Whitehill, Brookville
226	Siloam	1869	Frankford, Phila.	Third Wednesday	Frank W. G. Mitchell, Phila.
227	Emporiam	1870	Emporium	Third Tuesday	John D. Logan, Emporium
228	Clearfield	1870	Clearfield	Third Friday	Frank Urey, Clearfield
230	Elk	1870	Ridgway	Third Tuesday	George L. McCracken, Ridgway
232	St. John	1871	Philadelphia	First Tuesday	William F. Tracy, Philadelphia
233	Kensington	1871	Philadelphia	Fourth Wednesday	Harry H. Brown, Philadelphia
234	Media	1871	Media	Fourth Monday	Ulysses G. Realey, Media
235	Occidental	1871	Warren	Second Monday	Gilbert M. Hevenor, Warren
236	Oil City	1871	Oil City	Third Monday	James A. Long, Oil City
237	Excelsior	1871	Reading	Third Tuesday	William F. Kinch, Reading
238	Newport	1872	Newport	Monday after full moon	Melvin W. Watson, Newport
239	Danville	1872	Danville	First Monday	Bruce A. McCracken, Danville
240	Palestine	1872	Philadelphia	Second Friday	Henry S. Hazlett, Philadelphia
241	Bellefonte	1872	Bellefonte	First Friday	William B. Rankin, Bellefonte
242	Pittston	1873	Pittston	Second Thursday	Louis P. Bierly, Pittston
243	T. B. Freeman	1873	Philadelphia	First Tuesday	Charles C. Judd, Philadelphia
244	Norman	1873	Sharon	Second Friday	Edward J. Murchie, Sharon
245	Abington	1873	Jenkintown	Third Tuesday	John C. Fithian, Jenkintown
246	Warrior Run	1874	Watsontown	Tuesday after full moon	Fred A. Reen, Watsontown
247	Orient	1874	Kittanning	Second Monday	William E. McGarvey, Kittanning
248	Temple	1874	Philadelphia	Third Tuesday	William H. Ziegler, Philadelphia
249	Monongahela	1874	Monongahela	Third Thursday	Thomas C. Farquhar, Monongahela
250	Corinthian	1874	Philadelphia	First Monday	William Ross, Philadelphia

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251	Signet	1874	Philadelphia	Fourth Friday	Charles W. Kaiser, Philadelphia
252	Mizpah	1875	Mahanoy City	Second Thursday	Phaon Hermany, Mahanoy City
254	Arnold	1877	Port Allegany	Second Tuesday	George E. Lauer, Port Allegany
255	Bedford	1876	Bedford	Third Thursday	Daniel W. Beam, Bedford
256	University	1877	Philadelphia	Third Tuesday	J. Milton Lutz, Llanerch
257	Shiloh	1877	Pittsburgh	Third Monday	George W. Robitzer, Wilkinsburg
258	Chester	1877	Chester	Second Tuesday	Wesley R. Morgan, Chester
259	Eden	1878	Clarion	Second Tuesday	Samuel F. Brush, Clarion
260	Bradford	1880	Bradford	Third Thursday	Frank C. Whitling, Bradford
261	Troy	1882	Troy	Thurs. on or before full moon	Chas. N. Greene, Troy, Bradford Co.
262	Montgomery	1882	Ardmore	Third Thursday	Joseph C. Egbert, Wayne
263	Coudersport	1882	Coudersport	First Wednesday	Lalon R. Bliss, Coudersport
264	Shamokin	1883	Shamokin	Second Wednesday	Charles K. Morgenroth, Shamokin
265	Westfield	1883	Westfield	First Friday	George W. Sutton, Westfield
266	Good Samaritan	1886	Gettysburg	Third Thursday	C. William Troxell, Gettysburg
267	Coatesville	1887	Coatesville	Third Thursday	William H. Brown, Coatesville
268	Pittsburgh	1888	Pittsburgh	Second Monday	Archie K. Henderson, Pittsburgh
269	Ulysses	1888	Ulysses	Second Wednesday	Homer K. Lane, Ulysses
270	Doylestown	1889	Doylestown	Tuesday on or before full moon	Fred'k Constantine, Doylestown
271	Pottstown	1890	Pottstown	Third Tuesday	Timothy Shive, Pottstown
272	Hebron	1890	Meyersdale	Second Monday	Martin A. Rutter, Meyersdale
273	Butler	1891	Butler	Third Tuesday	William H. Miller, Butler
274	Bangor	1891	Bangor	Third Wednesday	Robert S. Wagner, Bangor
275	Kennett	1892	Kennett Square	First Tuesday	James F. Mackereth, Mendenhall
276	The Susquehanna	1892	Susquehanna	Second Friday	George W. Gleason, Susquehanna
277	Hazleton	1893	Hazleton	Third Monday	Ambrose W. Mason, Hazleton
278	Catasauqua	1894	Catasauqua	Second Monday	Ralph C. Boyer, Catasauqua
279	Kane	1895	Kane	Third Wednesday	Frederick Kime, Kane
280	Cyrus	1898	Carnegie	Third Thursday	William A. Love, Carnegie
281	Monroe	1898	Stroudsburg	Second Friday	Benjamin F. Morey, Stroudsburg
282	McKeesport	1899	McKeesport	Second Thursday	Scott M. Stewart, McKeesport
283	Connellsville	1900	Connellsville	Third Tuesday	Sam'l G. Zimmerman, Connellsville

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284	Melita	1903	Philadelphia	Second Monday	Samuel Shaw, Philadelphia
285	Wilkinsburg	1904	Wilkinsburg	Second Friday	Albert W. Nicholson, Wilkinsburg
286	Bellevue	1904	Bellevue	Second Friday	Seward M. Ward, Bellevue
287	Nanticoke	1908	Nanticoke	First Monday	Alfred E. Chapin, Nanticoke
288	Mizpeh	1908	Pittsburgh, N. S.	Second Tuesday	George R. Elwell, Pittsburgh, N. S.
289	Valley	1908	Wilmerding	Second Friday	John T. Small, Wilmerding
290	Monessen	1908	Monessen	Second Tuesday	William D. Cowan, Monessen
291	Ezra	1909	South Bethlehem	First Friday	Frank W. Martenis, S. Bethlehem
292	Slatington	1909	Slatington	Third Monday	Elmer L. Engle, Slatington
293	Amity	1910	Athens	Second Friday	George D. Bonfoey, Sayre
294	Darius	1911	McDonald	Third Tuesday	Benjamin Frankle, McDonald
295	Siegfried	1913	Siegfried	Third Tuesday	George P. Stem, Northampton
296	Zebulun	1913	Blossburg	Second Wednesday	James Roy Bonney, Blossburg
297	Homewood	1913	Pittsburgh	Second Thursday	William C. Beckett, Pittsburgh
298	Milton	1914	Milton	Second Friday	Frederic A. Godcharles, Milton
299	Bellefield	1915	Pittsburgh	Third Tuesday	Charles L. Hannan, Pittsburgh
300	Coraopolis	1915	Coraopolis	Third Monday	Ralph L. Noss, Coraopolis
301	Lansdale	1915	Lansdale	Third Monday	Samuel C. Eaton, Lansdale

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214	Girard	1847	Philadelphia	Second Tuesday	Harry E. Rulon, Philadelphia
216	Excelsior	1854	Philadelphia	Third Tuesday	Peter H. Brower, Philadelphia

STATISTICS

From General Returns of Chapters to December 27, 1915.

No.	Name	Marked	Adm.	Died	Res.	Sus.	Memb.
3	Jerusalem	32	3	9	1	7	701
21	Perseverance	15	1	7	1		338
43		22	2	9	1	3	360
52	Harmony	39	4	36	5	13	1,178
91	Columbia	38	4	16	4	15	765
150	Washington	21		5	2		300
152	Reading	5	1	4		3	249
159	Schuylkill	3		3			52
161	Union	4		3	1	11	198
162	Zerubbabel	25	1	17	50	8	1,178
163	La Fayette	10		1	1		175
164	Brownsville	18		4	2		167
165	Union	2		4	6		223
166	Mount Moriah	6		2			119
167	Eureka	12		2			184
169	Philadelphia	4		7	2		248
170	Delta	8		5	1	3	381
171	St. John's	3		2	1		150
172	Temple	8	1			7	116
173	Easton	26		2	1	3	326
174	Northumberland	6		2		2	155
175	Keystone	31	6	9	4	13	681
176	George Washington	2		3		1	154
177	Tamaqua	6		1	1		86
178	Catawissa	13					57
179	Eureka	8		4			182
180	Warren	1					48
181	Lilly	8		2			147
182	Shekinah	36	3	6	5	9	369
183	Oriental	36	4	36	4		1,243
185	Lackawanna	50	2	7	1	3	475
186	Lewistown	14		1	1	3	121
187	Oriental	1					94
189	Mountain	14	5	4		6	392
190	Norristown	31	3	5	10		437

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191	Solomon	6		1			130
192	Urania	31		1	2		370
193	Duquesne	31	2	17	10	9	985
194	Tioga	5					60
195	Portage	26	1	8			295
196	Mountain City	6	2	1			174
197	Weidle	21		5			198
198	Phœnix	14		6	1	15	252
199	Howell	16	2	5	1	4	260
200	Columbus	7	2	3	2		110
201	Standing Stone	2					107
202	Howell	12		3		1	181
203	Allen	46	1	7			393
204	Anthony Wayne	4		4			96
205	Factoryville		1		1		67
206	Harmony	5		3	1		223
207	Aaron	2		2	2		73
208	Germantown	18	3	7	3	5	332
209	Samuel C. Perkins			3			75
210	Great Bend				1	3	28
211	Venango	12	2	4	3	13	221
212	Mound	1		2	2	3	211
214	Valley			2	1	2	78
215	Temple	14	3	13	4	2	457
216	Zinzendorf	12		2		3	131
217	Allegheny	16	1	18	2	1	828
218	Bloomsburg	6		1	1	2	91
219	Griscom	10		1			122
220	Fort Washington	4		1	32		66
221	Tremont	2		1	2	2	78
222	Lycoming	30	2	6	3		485
223	Oxford	6	1	3	2		110
224	Corinthian	2		6			131
225	Jefferson	11		2			293
226	Siloam	16	2	4	1	2	320
227	Emporium						92
228	Clearfield	19		3		8	230
230	Elk	10	1		2	2	165
232	St. John	8	3	11		9	265
233	Kensington	16		12	5	3	542
234	Media	9	1			5	167
235	Occidental	16		3			179

No.	Name	Marked	Adm.	Died	Res.	Sus.	Memb.
236	Oil City	10	2	1		1	252
237	Excelsior	18	3	9		16	462
238	Newport	4		2			73
239	Danville	8	1	2	1	1	78
240	Palestine	26	2	14	5		666
241	Bellefonte	4		1	2	4	92
242	Pittston	10	2	3		3	178
243	T. B. Freeman	22	3	25	4	5	830
244	Norman	10		4		1	240
245	Abington	10	2	3	1	4	142
246	Warrior Run	15				3	122
247	Orient	5	2	3	5	6	244
248	Temple	19	2	4	4	4	306
249	Monongahela	33	1	3		5	232
250	Corinthian	22		6	1	8	354
251	Signet	12		2	4	4	251
252	Mizpah	6		3			97
254	Arnold	3		2		5	40
255	Bedford	1		2		1	95
256	University	52	3	12	8	9	879
257	Shiloh	22	3	13	7	4	612
258	Chester	17	1	6	2	3	397
259	Eden	1		6	1	4	178
260	Bradford	2	2	4	2	13	251
261	Troy			2	2		86
262	Montgomery	23		2		2	245
263	Coudersport			2		3	84
264	Shamokin	8		2			161
265	Westfield						43
266	Good Samaritan	11		2			129
267	Coatesville	11		4		1	202
268	Pittsburgh	33	4	8	7	10	572
269	Ulysses	5	2	1		2	47
270	Doylestown	12		2	1		135
271	Pottstown	12		2	1	3	220
272	Hebron	5		2	4		104
273	Butler	7	4	6			264
274	Bangor	5		1			112
275	Kennett	1	3	1		2	74
276	The Susquehanna	6	1	1		5	70
277	Hazleton	3	1	1			175
278	Catasauqua	3	1	4	1		112

No.	Name	Marked	Adm.	Died	Res.	Sus.	Memb.
279	Kane	3	1	3	1	1	85
280	Cyrus	24	2	4	5		390
281	Monroe	9		2		3	122
282	McKeesport	21		9	4		649
283	Connellsville	9		1	1		160
284	Melita	36		7	5	10	723
285	Wilkinsburg	29	4	4	2	5	357
286	Bellevue	28		3	1		328
287	Nanticoke	2		1			29
288	Mizpeh	11		1	5	2	225
289	Valley	8		2			183
290	Monessen	18					172
291	Ezra	19	1		1		117
292	Slatington	2		1			71
293	Amity	10					99
294	Darius	6		3			93
295	Siegfried	11		1			85
296	Zebulun	4		1			34
297	Homewood	22		1			150
298	Milton	6		1			87
299	Bellefield	51	1				102
300	Coraopolis						32
301	Lansdale						42
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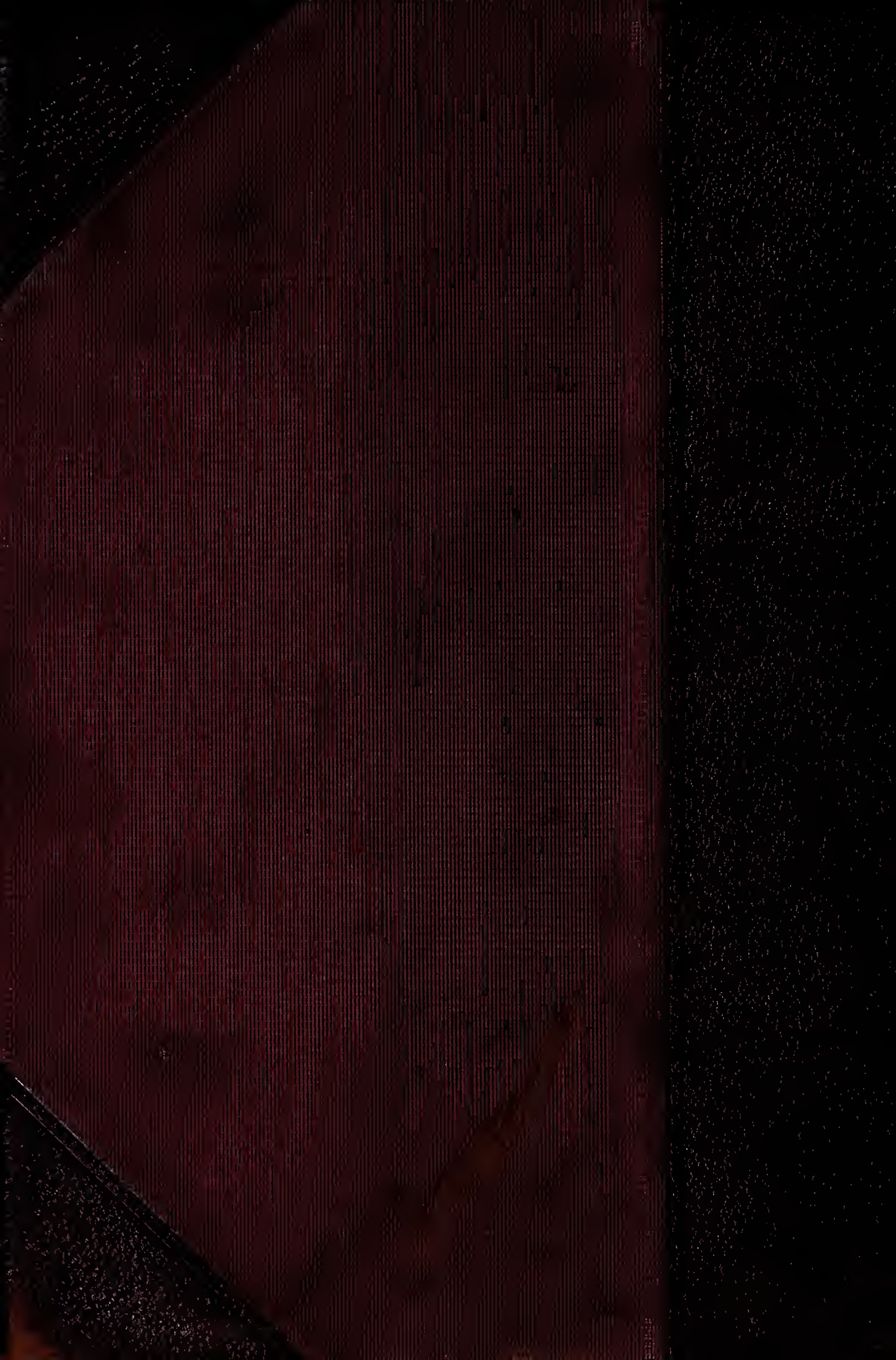
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